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## Britain's New Air Force Goes Up Aloft

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The revolutionary progress of the R.A.F.—its faster and more powerful fighters and the transformation of existing world-known models into virtually new types—was the theme of an address by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in introducing the Air Force estimates in the House of Commons to-day.

Among the types which the Minister mentioned publicly for the first time were the Beau fighter designed for long-range operations and night fighting and carrying very heavy armament, and also the heavy Halifax bomber.

Later models of Spitfires and Hurricanes are now in service, fitted with more powerful engines and heavier armament.

The new Hawker Tornado will be equipped with engines nearly twice the horsepower of the fighters which bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain and can carry still heavier armament and yet attain a speed well over 400 miles an hour.

As to bombers, Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitneys will be the main R.A.F. offensive. The latest models of these bombers are fitted with more powerful engines and some, although the name remains—are quite different aircraft.

**Heavier Bombers**  
In addition there is a range of very much heavier bombers, including Manchester and Halifax, all of which have already shown their worth against enemy targets. They are more than twice the size of any earlier types, are faster and carry heavier defensive armament and three times the weight of bombs over the same distance as their predecessors. Sir Archibald declared that the bombers had made 280 raids on aerodromes and seaplane bases, 300 on docks and shipping, 470 on railways and communications and 630 on industrial targets, all in Germany, apart from the very heavy night raids on objectives in occupied territory.

In the same period, Coastal Command aircraft had flown 16,000,000 miles.

**Overseas Squadrons**  
Squadrons from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, squadrons manned by men from India and Newfoundland and all the Colonial Empire are playing their part in the battle. "Another squadron of which the House will hear more before long is the Eagle Squadron, mounted on Hurricanes and manned by American pilots.

"The strength of one R.A.F. Command alone exceeds the total peace TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## BORIS RECEIVES M. POPOFF

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SOFIA, Mar. 11 (UP).—King Boris received the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff last evening, but no details were given out.

The American Minister, Mr. George Earle is expected back from the border at 5 p.m. He accompanied Mr. Rendel and his party of 50 to the Turkish frontier on their way to Istanbul. The Argentine, Greek, Yugo-Slav and Turkish Ministers and other diplomats bade them farewell.

## Yugo-Slavia Still Stands Outside Axis Camp

BEIGRADE, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slavia will not sign the Tripartite Pact even if directly asked to do so, according to well-informed quarters here.

There is no reason to believe that Germany has already made a definite demand for Yugo-Slavia's signature nor is it confirmed that German pressure on Belgrade has been intensified.

It is still considered likely that the Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr. Dragisa Cvetkovich and M. Alexander Cincir-Marovitch, will visit Vienna within the next few days but the rumours that aircraft have already arrived to take them are unfounded.

Relations with the Reich are still officially described as perfectly cordial.

Postponement of the Yugo-Slav statesmen's trip can be attributed to

## 7 Raiders Downed

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Seven German aircraft were destroyed in attacks on Britain last night.

Four were shot down in the Portsmouth area which was the main Nazi target, by anti-aircraft guns. They were seen to crash or explode in mid-air by many witnesses.

It was also learnt to-night that two German bombers, about to take off from an aerodrome in Holland, were machine-gunned by a British bomber returning from an R.A.F. raid on Cologne on Monday night.

A Messerschmitt fighter which tried interception was promptly shot down.

## Italians Lose Hundreds Albania Reverses

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Hundreds of Italian dead were left behind when, after strong artillery preparation, Greek infantry again attacked early on Monday morning in the central area of the Albanian front, states the Greek Press Ministry.

Guns, ammunition, automatic arms and machine-guns were captured as well as 300 Italian prisoners, including a number of officers.

**Determined Defence**  
The Italians put up a determined defence, making desperate efforts to check the furious Greek onslaught, but their efforts were of no avail.

The enemy's strongest positions, one of them on a peak nearly 6,000 feet high, were captured by the Greek forces and the Italians were put to flight after suffering very severe losses.

Greek detachments gave chase and the Italians' flight was so precipitate that they left many dead and wounded on the battle-field.

**R.A.F. Support**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. is continuing its support of the Greek army by smashing attacks on Italian forces in Albania. Yesterday, the R.A.F. raided motor TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## Nazi News Chief Faces U.S. Trial

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A Federal Grand Jury has indicted the German news agency, "Trans-Ocean," its manager, Manfred Zapp, and another employee named Tonn for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Law.

Zapp and Tonn have been arrested. The indictment alleged that "Trans-Ocean" established a branch agency in the United States in October, 1938, to further the interests of the German Government and the Nazi Party, but failed to register with the State Department as the agent of a foreign principal; that Zapp aided and abetted the violation and that Tonn, as "Trans-Ocean's" publicity agent, had failed to register.

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# ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE LEND AND LEASE BILL: AID FOR BRITAIN PLAN

WASHINGTON, MAR. 11 (UP).—THE HOUSE TO-DAY PASSED, AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS SIGNED, THE LEND AND LEASE BILL.

DURING A CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECIDED TO ASK FOR SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS CASH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING THE OTHER DEMOCRACIES UNDER THE LEND AND LEASE PROGRAMME.

Some well informed Congressional circles understood that the Administration has prepared a list of war materials which will be transferred to Britain immediately after approval of the Lend and Lease Bill. Although the nature of the materials has not yet been revealed, most informed quarters believe they will include motor torpedo boats and aircraft, and perhaps some destroyers and guns. The Bill authorised the President to immediately transfer up to \$1,300,000,000 worth of materials now existing in army and navy stocks. Anything beyond this amount must be provided with Congressional appropriations.

It is understood that one high ranking Committeeman of the House Foreign Relations Committee has submitted to President Roosevelt a private tabulation of war materials which this Congressman feels could be transferred immediately including 35 destroyers.

## BIG ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA New Encampment Captured

CAIRO, Mar. 11 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communiqué states that Imperial forces in Abyssinia have captured Afodu encampment and are now advancing towards Asosa.

## LOFOTEN REPRISALS

Norwegians Punished For Aiding Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Mar. 11 (UP).—The newspapers to-day featured a Tass Agency despatch from Oslo describing the reprisals to the inhabitants of the Lofoten Islands for abetting the British raid.

The despatch cited Norwegian press reports that "in order to teach the Norwegians some permanent lessons, the Reich Commissioner, Herr Terboven, ordered the burning of all houses and property of the families whose members aided the British during the raid.

"Many Norwegians were arrested and will be punished severely. "One man was shot on the spot for alleged resistance to the Germans. "The inhabitants must pay a tribute of 100,000 crowns."

## Norwegian Nazis

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Lofoten Islands raid has only served to increase the considerable nervousness prevailing in German circles in Northern Norway, according to a Norwegian telegraph agency report. This report states that at Tromsø and Harstad in particular, the occupation forces have been greatly alarmed by the presence of British warships in the neighbouring waters. The Quilling newspaper, "Fritt Folk," states that "Svolvær, the centre of the Norwegian fishing industry, was shelled and devastated."

## Italian Transport Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A heavily laden Italian troop transport has been torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine.

This information was issued in an Admiralty communiqué which adds that in reporting this success, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet states that the transport was of the Sicilia Class of 9,046 tons.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar. 11 (UP).—Work on the United States air and naval bases started to-day after the arrival of the survey ship Boditch with Marines and materials.

Rep. Edward Izac told the "United Press" that he had urged the President to "send the entire \$13,000,000,000 worth of materials to Britain to-morrow, if possible. He said we should transfer all the destroyers we can spare, as well as torpedo boats, private yachts and motor boats which the Government has requisitioned."

**Hitler Has Lost War**  
There are enormous numbers of these now available and they are excellent for anti-submarine work and convoy duty.

Mr Izac was of the opinion that approval of the bill would exert "a tremendous morale effect on the Democracies and the Axis."

"If Hitler is as realistic as he is supposed to be, he must realize that Germany has now lost the war," he said that when and if Germany is able to overrun Turkey and reach the Suez, "sempower will ultimately prevail."

## Fleet of Boats, Food

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives this afternoon passed the Aid to Britain Bill, which now goes to the White House for the President's Signature. "Congressmen who saw President Roosevelt this morning are reported to have stated that a fleet of mosquito boats will be despatched to Britain immediately, probably this week and that food, particularly pork, cheese and possibly wheat, may be sent soon.

President Roosevelt disclosed his intention to ask Congress for a huge appropriation at the morning conference.

**Cash Appropriation**  
Senator Caster Glass stated afterwards that the President would recommend this appropriation, which would be all cash to permit of the purchase of all articles authorised by the Bill.

At the conclusion of the financial conference, President Roosevelt called another conference to discuss administrative plans for handling the British Aid programme.

Colonel Henry L. Simson, Secretary for War and the Army and Navy Chiefs were invited to attend.

## Historic Words

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has signed the Lend and Lease Bill.

These historic words were uttered by Mr Sol Bloom, Chairman of the TURN to Page 5, Column Three



## Queen With The Shelterers

Daily their majesties the King and Queen identify themselves with the trials and sufferings of their people caused by the attacks of the Nazi Luftwaffe. When this picture was taken their majesties were inspecting an air raid shelter in London, and here the Queen is chatting to some children in their shelter bunks.

## Matsuoka To Discuss Military Questions

During Visit To Berlin, Rome

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (UP).—German authorised quarters, commenting on the official Tokyo announcement that Mr Matsuoka is going to Berlin said that it was "significant" that he was making the trip simultaneously with the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill. They added that it could be assumed that military questions would also be discussed.

Authorised quarters asserted that Mr Matsuoka will probably arrive within a fortnight but that the length of his stay in Berlin is not yet certain. It is not known whether or not Count Ciano will go to Berlin to participate in the discussions. They said, however, that Mr Matsuoka is not going to Vichy.

**Rome Reaction**  
ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" regarding the forthcoming trip of Mr Matsuoka to Rome and Berlin said: "The importance of Mr Matsuoka's trip is indicated by the fact that this is the first time since the peace of Portsmouth over 35 years ago that a Japanese Foreign Minister has come to Europe."

"But more concretely important is the historic moment, which Europe and Asia are undergoing in connection with the tripartite pact which other nations may soon join in."

"Mr Matsuoka is a man of the tripartite pact, and as such, is one toleration but no interference by other Powers in our own areas; and, fourthly, the prevention of an extension of the war. It can be assumed that these will be the principles under which the discussion will be held."

**Symptomatic**  
They declared: "It is symptomatic and significant that the trip occurs at the same time as the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill. Things that are to be discussed will be actualities including, obviously, a number of military questions."

"It is interesting to recall in this connection, the principles of the tripartite pact—the creation of order in its own area; secondly, no interference in foreign areas; thirdly,

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## LATEST

### Immigration Office Inspected

Members of the Immigration Office Inquiry Commission this morning carried out a thorough inspection of the Immigration Department offices in Marlborough House.

The entire Commission attended, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Althol MacGregor, Mr C. B. Brown, Mr D. Drummond, Mr H. K. Woo and the Secretary, Mr K. M. A. Barnett.

They were greeted by Mr E. A. von Kolze-Nagy, the General Agent, and Mr Walter Hamming Chen, chief of the Chinese assistants.

The Commission spent nearly an hour inspecting the offices. They stayed for 40 minutes in the shoof department where they examined the books.

Afterwards the Commission left to inspect the passport office in Connaught Road Central.

## Ex-King Alfonso's Body Remains Buried in Rome

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mystery regarding the whereabouts of ex-King Alfonso's body which, according to some reports, was secretly entombed for Spain, was cleared up to-day when the Rector of the Spanish Monastery Church in Rome, Mons. Honorato Ribas affirmed that the remains are still in Rome in his keeping.

The Rector told the "United Press" to-day: "The burial of Alfonso and the sealing of the tomb were duly witnessed. Obviously nobody would be able to remove the body without my knowledge and I can assure you it has not been done."

He explained that he and the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Senor Yanguas, are custodians of the body.

Plainclothesmen are constantly on guard at the tomb. Spanish Monarchist quarters declared that the spreading of reports that the body had been secretly taken to Spain to avoid demonstrations could be attributed to foreign propaganda, which aims to discredit the unity of Spain.



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1.13 Delroy Somers Band.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, and Announcements.

1.45 Fucini's "La Boheme" Act IV.

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2.15 Close Down.

6.45 Indian Programme.

6.50 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 Borodin—Symphony No. 2 in B Minor.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—From the Old Country.

Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 Talk by M. Baron, General de Gaulle's representative in the Far East.

7.35 Charlie Kunz at the Piano.

Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 8; Charlie Kunz Piano Medley No. 10.

7.45 Ambrose and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.05 Ravel—Bolero.

The Lamoureux Orchestra of Paris conducted by the late Maurice Ravel.

8.10 Songs by Ninon Vallin (Soprano).

8.30 Studio—Talk on A. A. Milne by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 Elgar—Triumphal March (from "Caractacus" Op. 35).

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lawrence Collingwood under the supervision of Sir Edward Elgar.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

10.00 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

10.10 Robinson Cleaver (Organ) and Patricia Roseborough (Piano).

10.23 Richard Crooks (Tenor) in a Light Orchestral Concert.

11.00 Close Down.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

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THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary and Manager.  
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

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## G. R.

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Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital. The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. L. CLEAVE,  
Surgeon Commander,  
Medical Officer in Charge.  
Royal Naval Hospital,  
Hong Kong.  
10th March, 1941.

### THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000

"Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund,

"and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April

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"2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

By Order of the Committee,

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1. The sale of tickets in the raffle will cease on a date to be advertised in the Press.

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3. A ticket is entitled to one prize only. Any number, having drawn a prize, will be deemed cancelled for the remainder of the draw.

4. Prizes will be delivered to the person who produces the requisite winning ticket. No right to a prize can be recognised except the right conferred by the production of the requisite ticket.

5. Winning tickets must be produced and endorsed by the holder before delivery of prize can be made. Mutilated tickets—that is, if distinctive number and chop are not clearly discernible—will not be accepted.

6. Winning tickets not presented within Three Months of the draw will be considered null and void, and all unclaimed prizes will revert to the donors and/or the Hong Kong War Effort Committee after the above period of Three Months has elapsed.

7. Any misunderstanding or dispute must be referred to the Hong Kong War Effort Committee, whose decision shall be final.

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## SHIPPING LOSSES

### Third Worst Week Of The War

London, Mar. 11. Mercantile losses due to enemy action in the week ended at midnight on March 2, as officially announced by the Admiralty, were—British, 20 ships, tonnage 102,871; Allied, eight ships, tonnage 41,970; neutral, one ship, tonnage 3,197; total 29 ships, tonnage 148,038.

The communique adds that German and Italian claims in the same week totalled 432,500 tons.

While the week's losses may be taken as pointing to the start of Hitler's promised spring offensive at sea, responsible quarters in London do not take an unduly pessimistic view of the situation, especially in the light of the improvement in British counter-measures. No details of these measures are given, but it can be stated that they have produced particularly successful results recently.

We must be prepared for ups and downs, for shocks from time to time, and for heavier losses than during the coming months than during the past few weeks, but there is no reason to infer that the losses will continue on the scale of the week under review.

The figure of 148,038, it is also pointed out, is considerably less than for the 55th week during last September and the 59th week during last October, the respective losses for which were 176,000 and 205,000 tons.

The feeling responsibly expressed is that, though anxiety is natural, there are strong grounds for confidence. Britain will do her utmost to keep the losses down and is convinced that she will succeed in keeping trade flowing—British Wireless.

#### Wrecks In Suez Canal?

Bucharest, Mar. 11. The Suez Canal is partially blocked as a result of the sinking of four British ships by German and Italian bombers, according to Rumanian sailors who arrived at the port of Constantza on the Black Sea to-day.

Thirty-four Rumanian sailors from two Rumanian oil tankers seized by the British fleet several weeks ago arrived at Constantza on the Rumanian ship Dacia. They declared that it would take many weeks to clear the Suez Canal of the sunken ships.

—United Press.

#### Narkunda Rumour

For some days a rumour has been afloat in Hongkong that the well-known P. & O. liner Narkunda has been sunk.

The Naval authorities state that the report is not true.

#### Lost Aboard Huntly

London, Mar. 11. The Admiralty announced to-day that Lieut-Comdr E. S. Cottrell was killed when the minesweeper Huntly was sunk recently.—United Press.

## LIBRARY CLOSING

### To Be Taken Over By Police Reserve

Hongkong's City Hall Library will shortly be closed and the premises are to be taken over by the Hongkong Police Reserve and used as its Headquarters, it was officially learned yesterday.

A notice has been hung up in the Library informing pass-book holders that the Library is about to be closed. The exact date of the closing is not yet known but it is expected that it will be closed as soon as all the books borrowed by members have been returned.

It was learned yesterday that up to the present the Police Reserve has had no Headquarters of its own and has been run from various centres in the Colony. With the growth of the Reserve to a strength of 1,500 a central Headquarters has become a necessity and Government has allotted the ground floor of what remains of the old City Hall to the Police Reserve for the duration of the war.

Rumours that the large number of books in the Library would be distributed to various Hongkong schools and colleges has no foundation. It was learned from an authoritative source yesterday that all the books will be stored away.

The City Hall was completed in 1869 and by 1870 the nucleus of the Library and Museum had already been formed. The Library offered many opportunities to book lovers throughout Hongkong and the museum, housed on the ground floor, proved exceedingly popular not only to visitors but to every section of the community. The Main Hall was on the first floor and it was here that civic receptions were held. In the adjoining Theatre Royal dramatic performances were given both by amateurs and visiting professional companies, including the Bandmann's Opera Company, which was the last to perform there.

Owing to its age, the building became dangerous some years ago and was eventually partly demolished, the imposing Hongkong and Shanghai Bank building being erected on part of the site. The present Public Library housed the temporary offices of the Bank whilst the new building was in the course of construction. When the Bank premises were completed, Government housed the Library in the existing building and levelled what remained of the site of the old City Hall for use as a car park.



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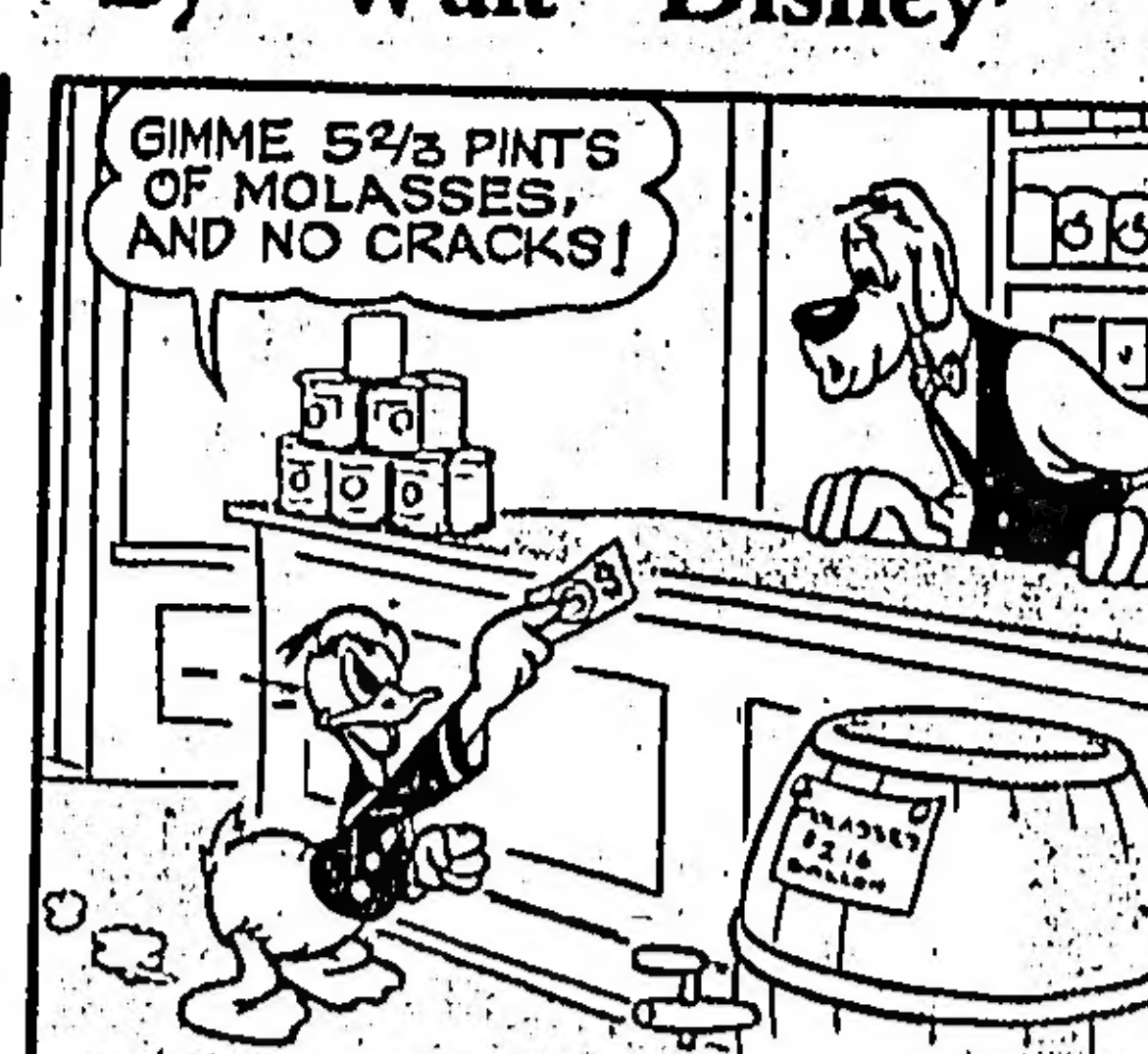
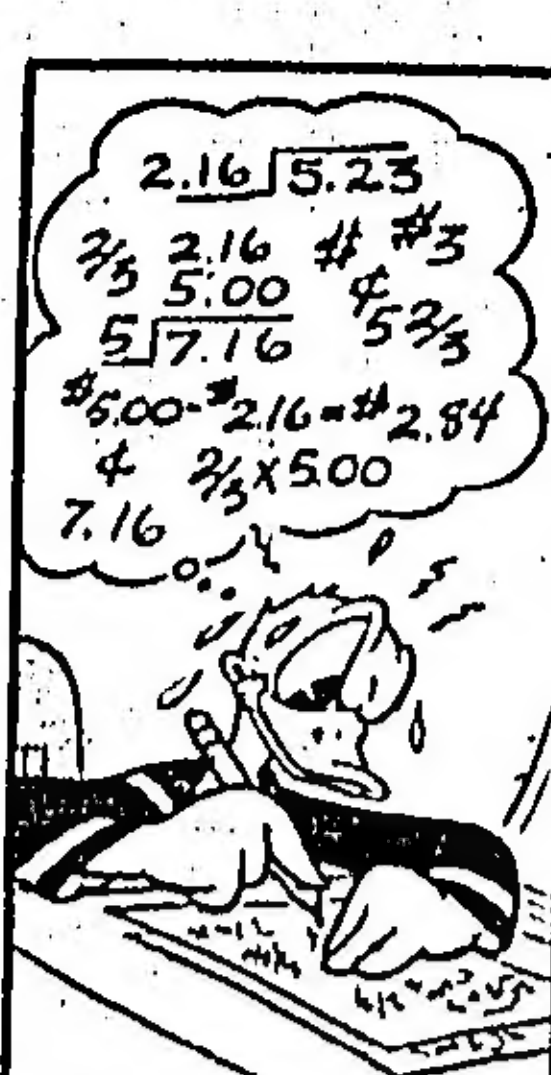
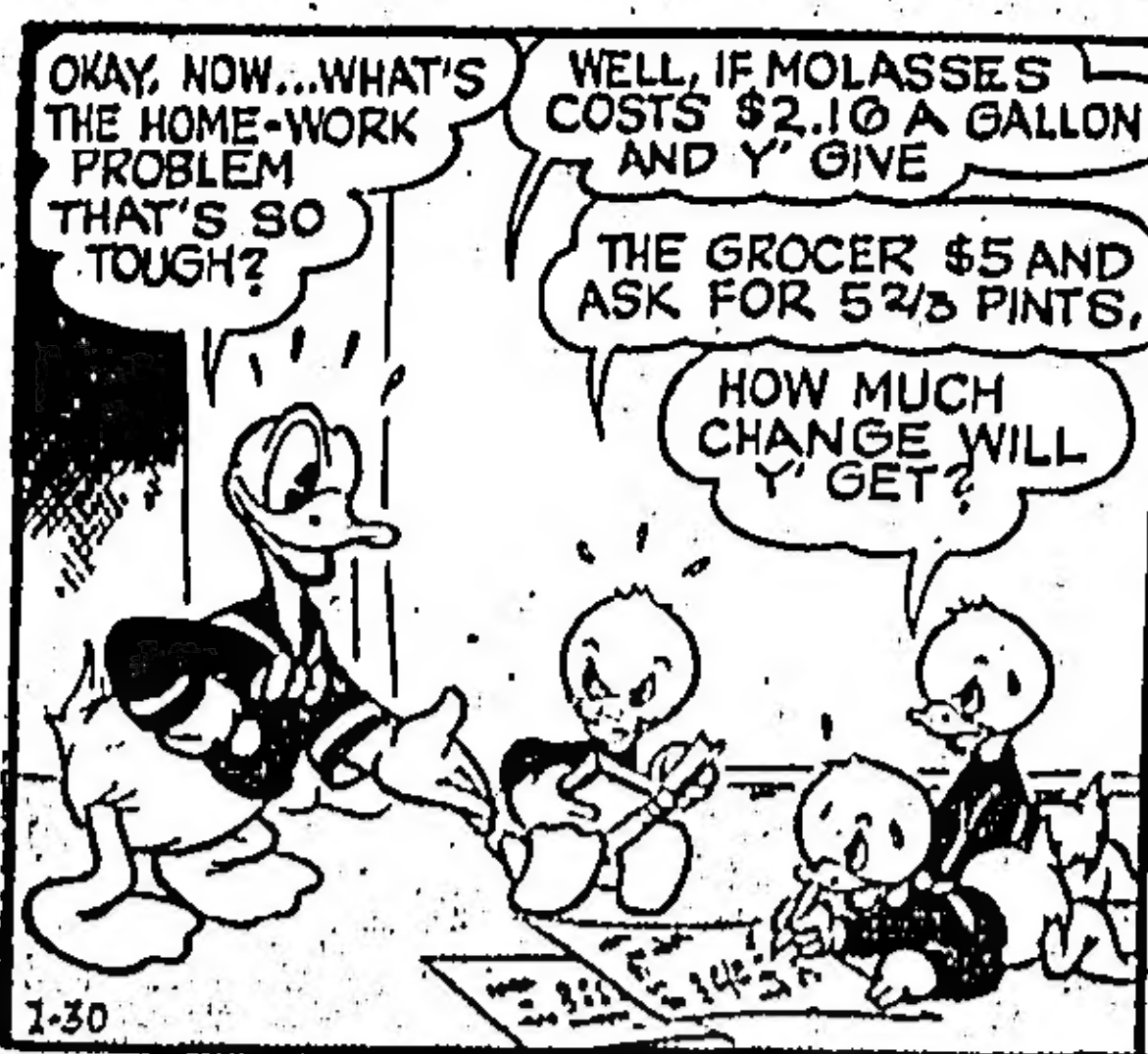
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- Kind of bear
- Girl's name
- Counteract
- Ship
- Mohammedan prince
- Indivisible unit
- Flavor
- City in Ohio
- Musical instrument
- Male-bearing verb
- Twine
- Words derived from others
- Wound on bobbin
- Constellation of stars
- Thick soup
- Invocation to Virgin
- Laurel
- Quell
- Go by it
- High card
- Austrian composer
- Whirl around
- Cold, piercing wind
- Toolbox
- Duration of time
- Arrogant fruit
- Ties together
- Excitable
- To bed
- Build
- Marinating giant
- Wander from place to place
- Slater's daughter

**DOWN**

- Pimple
- Post for "to"
- Warship object
- Grapefruit
- Gravelly
- Peruvian plant
- Drinking organ
- Top story of house
- Brought back to former state
- Widow
- Mohammedan deity
- Revolver of library at Alexandria
- Pantomime gesture
- Kind of war
- Puts on
- Large plant
- Unfired
- South American
- Kind of palm tree
- Vertical part of ship
- Undressed kid
- Female demon
- Resounding
- Of large mass per unit volume
- Tears apart
- Mohammedan emblem of medieval Christians
- Without wings
- Large rodent
- Black-up person
- Transmitter
- Pleasant
- Narrow streak
- Kind of fish
- Pipe-like instrument
- Snow on summit of mountain (French)
- Boat through
- City in India
- Tow
- Long fish
- Two hundred one

## The bride wore—nothing!

NOT two hundred years ago many brides in England went to the altar dressed only in a short shift, or just nothing at all.

In the middle of the eighteenth century it was no unusual sight to see the bride standing at the altar in her birthday suit, or with just a shawl thrown hastily over her shoulders by some sympathetic friend.

Londoners seem to have been the first to disapprove of this custom for, after a marriage in St Paul's in the late eighteenth century, the bride was seen running across Ludgate-circus in her shift, pursued by mocking cries.

In 1724, a Wiltshire girl, Anne Selwood, was reported to have married not only without clothes, but without headgear.

And in Lincolnshire, a naked woman climbed down a ladder from her bedroom window to go to church and meet her bridegroom.

That time, however, her friends were worried about her health because it was winter, and rushed after her with an overall.

History can be amusing if you look at it in the right way. **MARCUS HOLLYSTONE** specialises in fishing out odd and interesting facts.

And why was this incredible custom allowed?

Because popular opinion... and even the clergy... believed that a man was not liable for his bride's debts if he married her in nothing but her shift, or, better still, in no clothes at all.

A nude bride signified that a man took a woman as she stood, with neither her family, debts nor any she might

have contracted before appearing at the altar!

The last nude woman to be seen in St Paul's was in 1936, when a woman suddenly threw off her cloak and revealed herself completely naked to the congregation, to draw attention to some statement she wished to make.

Modern congregations being more shockable than their ancestors, the lady was put back in her cloak and led away by an embarrassed policeman.



## Old-time War Songs

By **Wilson McLaren**

The spirit of the people clings tenaciously to the maxim, "Sing as you go" and all that it stands for, in time of war stress, cheery vocal music is a tonic far above price.

The late Professor John Stuart Blackie once said to me:—"The only way to keep the devil out of the house is to sing and pray." No man ever uttered truer words.

War brings about many changes, and during 1914-1918 the Tommies at home and abroad gave voice to their feelings by lustily singing popular ditties of that time.

One well might ask, What has happened to the song-writers of to-day? It does not require a genius to compose a popular song, yet although millions of young and old are longing for "numbers" of the "Keep the home fires burning," "Pack up your troubles," and "Tipperary" type, up to now they have been doomed to disappointment. A faint echo of "Roll out the barrel" still reaches the ear.

### VIBRANT PATRIOTISM

The music-hall songs of other days struck the target every time, particularly the patriotic ditties, which breathed the spirit of "Rule Britannia" in every line:—

"Britannia, the pride of the ocean,

The home of the brave and the free;

The shrine of each sailor's devotion,

What land can compare unto thee?

Thy mandate makes heroes assemble,

When Liberty's form stands in view;

Thy banners make tyranny tremble,  
When borne by the red, white, and blue."

This song was sung in the olden days with great success, by Mr Davenport, in "Black-Eyed Susan."

Yearly thousands of songs are submitted to publishers, and hundreds are sent to artists in the hope that they may become "hits." Song-writing, however, is a great gamble. For one that makes a "hit," thousands fall flat, and it is a hundred-to-one chance of writing a winner.

Those who were privileged to hear G. H. Macdormott in his great war song, "We don't want to fight, but by Jingo, if we do!" will readily admit that as a direct personal appeal from the stage, it was unsurpassed in keeping the morale of the whole nation right. It not only encouraged but roused everyone to fight for justice and freedom.

"We don't want to fight, but by Jingo, if we do,

We've got the ships, we've got the men, and got the money too;

We've fought the Bear before, and while we're Britons true,

The Russians shall not have Constantinople!"

Lord Beaconsfield's firm stand when Russia was at war was undoubtedly responsible for the creation of this song, one of the most famous ever written. The music-halls at that period were more closely in touch with the ordinary people, the result being that "We don't want to fight," was widely sung all over the country. The words were even quoted in Parliament.

### LOTHIAN ROAD CIRCUS

Mr H. E. Moss had just opened his little theatre of varieties in Chamber's Street, Edinburgh, and I can well remember the enthusiasm when Macdormott, who had come straight from London, sang his patriotic song.

Another popular "number" at that time was "That's What the People Say in England." Here is the chorus:—

"There's money in the country; tho' there's thunder in the air,

Little Turkey's threatened by a great big Russian Bear,

But the British Lion's watching, so they'd better have a care;

That's what the people say in England."

The singer of this song was N. C. Bostock, who, in the seventies, had made a name for himself in the singing of comedy songs. An Edinburgh boy, he first appeared as a Scots comedian in a penny gaff, which stood on a piece of ground in Lothian Road, now occupied by the L.M.S. goods department. Seventy years ago this West End vacant space was a happy fair ground, where a circus, boxing booths, penny gaff, and human monstrosities, delighted the citizens of "Auld Reekie."

Bostock was a striking personality on the stage. Immaculately dressed, stoutly built, and possessing a powerful voice, with consummate skill he followed in the footsteps of the great Macdormott, and roused his audience to a pitch of enthusiasm seldom witnessed in a music hall.

### MARTIAL ENTHUSIASM

At a later date another expert in patriotic songs was Charles Godfrey. He was the singer of many popular comic songs in his day, but as the originator of the descriptive song with a dramatic setting and effects, he will always be remembered by those who frequented the "halls" in Victorian days. Godfrey's "On Guard" was a striking contribution to song; propaganda so prevalent at that time, and his song-scene was received with favour. The chorus is worth quoting:—

"Here upon guard am I,

Willing to do or die;

Fighting for Queen and country,

too,

Fighting for home so dear,

Cannon are there in sight,

Bayonets to left and right,

Hands true and steady are willing and ready,

And hearts which know no fear!"

What measure of success would similar war-time songs receive to-day? A new generation has arisen, and it is to be feared that much of the martial enthusiasm of the old days has disappeared, or now expresses itself in other ways.

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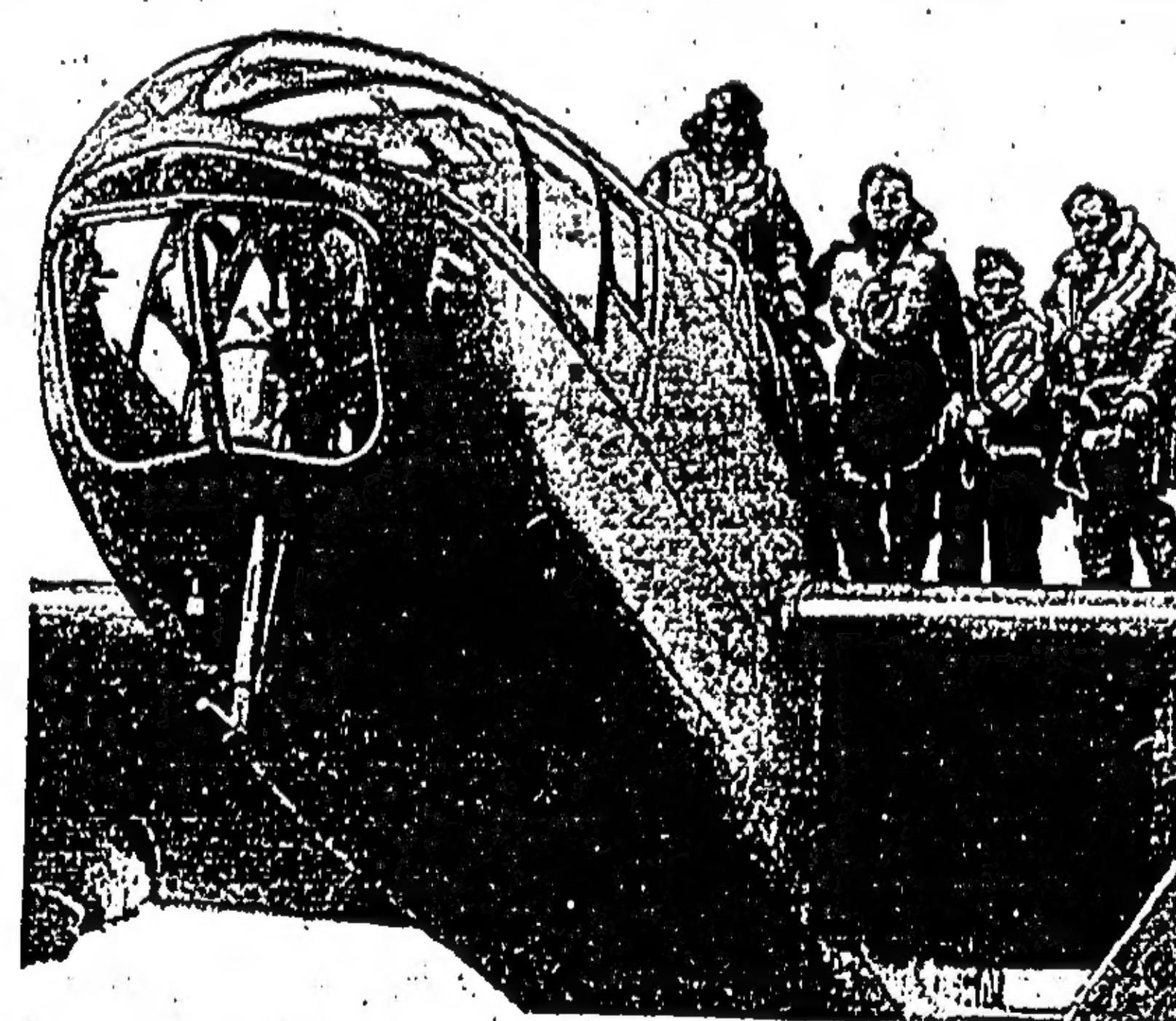
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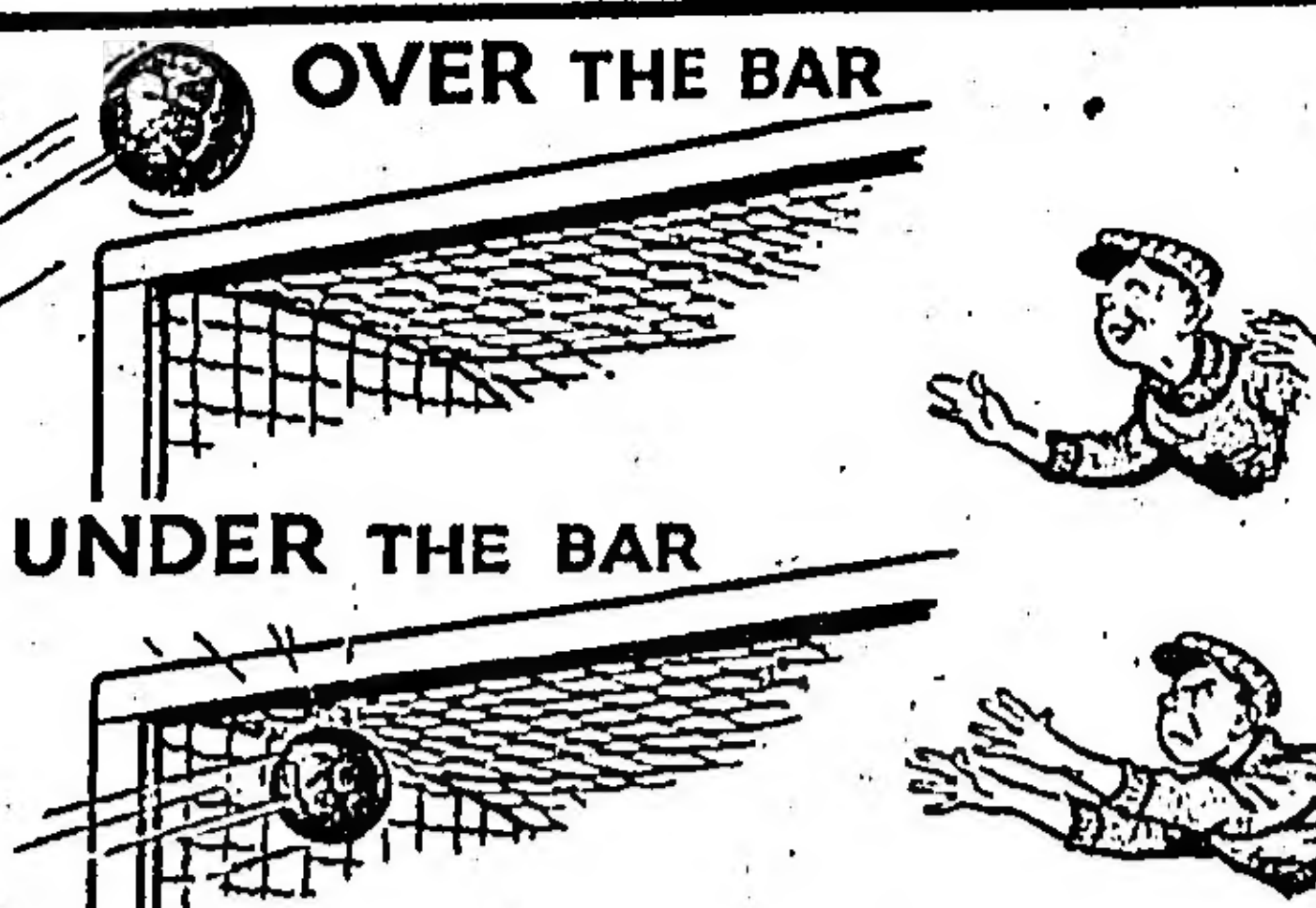
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### A UNITED FRONT

WITH Germany's occupation of Bulgaria and the massing of her troops on the Grecian front the full significance of British victories in Africa becomes more apparent. The Axis, in their eagerness to seize what they could while they could, have definitely overreached themselves. As a result Italy is no longer an entity to be feared while Hitler is forced to do what he has always tried to avoid doing—stage a war on two fronts. Even should he prove successful in overrunning Greece and the odds are he will not be, it would be at a tremendous cost of men and materials. It is not known whether Mussolini started his Grecian adventure with the approval of Hitler, but in any case the result has been a distinct and deadly blow to Axis prestige and may well prove to be the deciding factor in the war.

The campaign in Africa is not yet ended, but with the collapse of Libya and Italian Somaliland, Italian resistance is no longer effective. The speed with which the Italian forces have been annihilated and driven in full retreat from post to post in East Africa, is entirely due to the outstanding strategy of General Cunningham and to the valour, discipline and endurance of the forces under him. The African campaign is an instance of the solidarity of the British Empire, a fact which Hitler, according to reliable sources, always refused to admit, probably because one of his mentalities could not conceive of such unity without force. South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders fought side by side with Indian and British troops. The entire campaign will become a classic example of what can be achieved by people in spite of varying political opinions, when motivated by one common desire.

The future welfare of the world now lies to a large extent in the hands of those countries included in the Commonwealth of Nations. During the last world war the same forces came into play, but more as supporting units and not as now self-supporting armies—prepared to share the responsibility and pay the price. India too has played a more definite role than ever before. This fact does not in any way minimise the valour of the Indian troops who in 1914-1918 fought so gallantly, but it is an undoubted fact that to-day India is taking her place in the British community of nations in a way which can never be forgotten.

Every dispatch from the battle front has contained reference to the Indian troops, either in regard to their powers of endurance under great strain or to their coolness under fire and to their initiative. A telegram recently received gave a list of heroic deeds by individual Indian soldiers,

IN Kipling's "Light That Failed" the correspondent of a Great Daily fifty years ago prophesied continually "Trouble in the Balkans Next Spring."

Even then, the Balkans were notorious as the powder magazine of Europe, and though that unhappy continent has now itself become one vast high-explosive dump its detonating point eastward, from Moscow to the Persian Gulf, is still—the Balkans.

Under that collective name we should count five small States: Hungary, on the middle Danube, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece. To these we must add Turkey, on the extreme south-east of the land (and water) of Europe, and dominating in Asia Minor the gateway to the continent of Asia.

Individually, the five have been, and must always be, helpless against the pressure of Germany or Russia (to say nothing of the combined pressure of those two Powers). They were even helpless—it had been assumed—against Italy alone.

United, and backed by a peace-loving Turkey, they could have opposed to any of the Big Three a resistance formidable enough to give pause to the most ruthless aggressor.

### Rival Policies

Great Britain and France, real friends—and not the less real because they were themselves interested in the maintenance of peace everywhere—had for years been urging upon them some such understanding.

The Axis, concerned only to keep them divided and weak, had viciously opposed the idea, and had sapped it by every weapon in their arsenal of bribery, cajolery and blackmail.

So when, after the first three months of the year, the common danger seemed to be drawing all six together, few were surprised by a menace, megaphoned from Rome on December 16, 1939, that "Italy did not consider that the constitution of a bloc of any kind could be profitable to the countries of the Danubian and Balkan regions."

Naturally! The collapse of France, co-guarantor with Great Britain of Rumania, finally overthrew the crazy, unstable Balkan equilibrium.

Russia seized not only Bessarabia but Bukovina, Bulgaria regained (not undeservedly and with British approval) Southern Dobruja.

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# RIDDLES OF 1941

## What Next In The Balkans?

by Sir

Ronald Storrs

other claims for the general adjustment of the Peace.

### Alert Turkey

It is, therefore, of prime interest and significance to learn that, on December 27, the Foreign Minister, M. Fillof, not only rejected the proposal of the Fascist ex-Prime Minister that Bulgaria should officially join the Axis, but expressed the "desire of the Bulgarian Parliament for the country to remain absolutely neutral, and to develop friendly relations with all Powers."

This neutrality, which could hardly have been thus reaffirmed without the tacit approval of Russia, was (amusingly) stigmatised by Nazi spokesmen as "inconsistent with the spirit of the New Order in Europe." The wisdom of the Bulgarian Cabinet has been assisted by the watchful alertness of their potent Eastern neighbour. Turkey—a well-wisher.

And over-adventurous Bulgaria "forwards" are well aware that they are being "marked" by a well-trained team, ready and able to take the game under control on the first sign of its getting out of hand.

In addition to the forts and other defences of the Dardanelles, Turkey has three strongly protected European lines: Adrianople—Kirk Killase (a continuation of the Greek system), Bulair—Chatalpa.

On all of these her strength grows daily.

### So What?

Turkey's own rear is secured by pacts with Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan, fellow Muslim States which have not yet shown any tendency to substitute Hitler for Allah.

Any one of three events may bring Turkey into the war during 1941:—An attack upon herself by any Power.

An attack upon Greece by Bulgaria.

An attack by any Axis interest upon Turkey's southern neighbour, Syria, which she does not covet for herself, but where she would tolerate Axis occupation.

Though Mussolini has let Hitler down, Hitler cannot afford to let Mussolini down any longer, or he may let him out of the war altogether—and have reason to remember the story of how Mr Horv Bolsha, on his last visit to Rome, presented his host with a couple of Bolsha beacons—to help him over his double-crossing!

Hitler must strike again, and soon. But when and how?

Africa would be most welcome to his ally but, across a British Mediterranean, is, save by air, least practical.

German bombers and fighters have reached Italy: most probably for use against the British Navy. But is that enough to stop the Italian rot?

Hitler would prefer to strike Greece down through the Balkans now, before she has had time to storm Valona and drive the Italians into the sea.

But this immediate offensive, unless he can terrorise the Yugoslavs or Bulgars into allowing his troops passage, would not only upset his Balkan supply system, it would involve war on a second front, and that under conditions as unfavourable to mechanised troops as were the icy mountain passes of Albania.

True, there is said to be an advance German G.H.Q. in Rumania within a few miles of the Yugoslav frontier, and King Boris is once more enduring the turn of the screw.

True, that although a spring campaign would suit him far better, and a winter assault should therefore be less probable, for that very reason it should not be absolutely ruled out.

### On Guard

Nevertheless, it is more likely that the Goebbels' drums and excursions of Nazi troop-trains rushing through Hungary, and of troopships steaming down the Adriatic, are projected off-stage by that maestro to edge Balkan nerves—and to ease British nerves, away from the real invasion, which is planned not from the south-eastern end of Europe, but from the north-west.

So that to-day we should look, not so much to the Balkans, as to our own guard, our guns, and our gas-masks.

[Editor's Note:—Since this article was written, the Bulgarian Government has declared its adherence to the Axis, and German troops are now reported to be massed on the borders of Greece. The position of Yugoslavia has not changed.]

## TO-MORROW

### What Next In

### The Air War?

an interview with  
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## Hannen Swaffer:

"THE Aussies are the finest fighting troops on earth." It may, or may not, be true—but, anyway, the phrase is once again being used because of their exploits in Libya.

Then why is it that our home-grown Army has imposed on its ranks, discipline to which no Australian soldier would submit?

AMONG the Aussies, officers and men fraternise freely. They drink together. Saluting is reduced to a minimum.

Yet, in some English towns, you read shop notices: "Only officers and members of the public served." A private cannot buy anything in these sacred stores!

Moreover, many hotels are barred to all but the commissioned ranks. And, everywhere, the monotony of saluting, saluting, saluting, goes on.

I WALKED, the other day, down the Strand, behind a British officer.

which will be handed down in the records of this war as an outstanding example of heroism and devotion. Over and above these spontaneous acts of bravery, the Indian troops have shown themselves to be possessors of one of the most valuable qualities of which human beings are capable—reliability. This characteristic alone has inspired confidence wherever they have been sent and means that to-day they are assuming as much responsibility for the successful outcome of the war as any other unit of the Allied forces now fighting aggression and domination.

## Will saluting win the war?

Every private and every aircraftman saluted as he passed. Each time the poor blinking officer had to acknowledge it.

Yet not one Commonwealth private from overseas took the slightest notice!

Who, I wondered, were the inferior soldiers?

THE rigidity of the rule is worse for officers than for the men.

In London, it is such a curse that men holding commissions frequently rush into civvies when on leave in order to escape the necessity for having to acknowledge a salute every dozen yards.

You can't tell me that constant saluting wins wars. It perpetuates the caste system and it's out of date in an age when some of the privates are better educated than most of the officers.

I HEARD recently of an incident on a South Wales railway station.

A young lieutenant, seeing two privates, shouted at them: "Here, you men, put my baggage on the train."

The officer was the son of a local publican in whose pub the men were in the habit of drinking. A few weeks before, they called him by his Christian name. But now, he was an officer.

I HEAR, too, of over-punishment. Twenty-seven men, risking trouble, have written to an M.P., all signing their names, complaining that they had been sentenced to 28 days C.B. without pay for overstaying their leave by one day to which they all understood they were entitled.

I do not think David Margesson is

exactly the sort of man who would humanise the Army.

THEN, although Aneurin Bevan recently wrung from the Secretary of War the admission that a soldier was allowed to communicate with his M.P., he assures me that while letters addressed to Members of Parliament by soldiers are not opened before they leave the camps, the replies, if arriving in envelopes bearing the "House of Commons" imprint, are often opened and inspected before they reach the men to whom they are addressed!

And, in some camps and barracks, officers still tell the men that they must not write to M.P.s.

Officially, soldiers have certain citizen rights. Officially, in spite of that, they are told they have none.

I HEAR, too, of a young craftsman in the Tank Corps who, unused to military life, wrote a long letter to his colonel, telling him what he thought was wrong with the Army!

He told him, for one thing, that the men should have explained to them the reason for all sorts of orders. These they resented, because they could not understand why they were given.

Fortunately for this young soldier, his colonel had a sense of humour.

He sent for him and, twinkling, said: "Yours was a most interesting and revealing document. Because of it, we may find it necessary to alter the Army regulations. But, next time, you must write to your captain."

"But then you might not get it, sir," replied the man.

"Oh, I'll have this letter typed out," said the colonel, hiding a smile. "Then I can memorize it!"





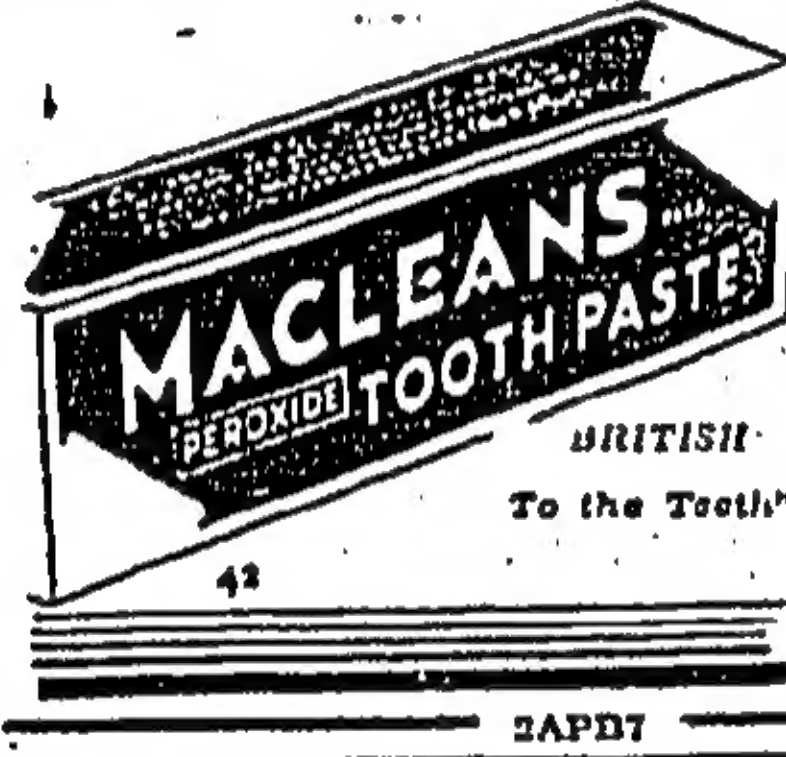
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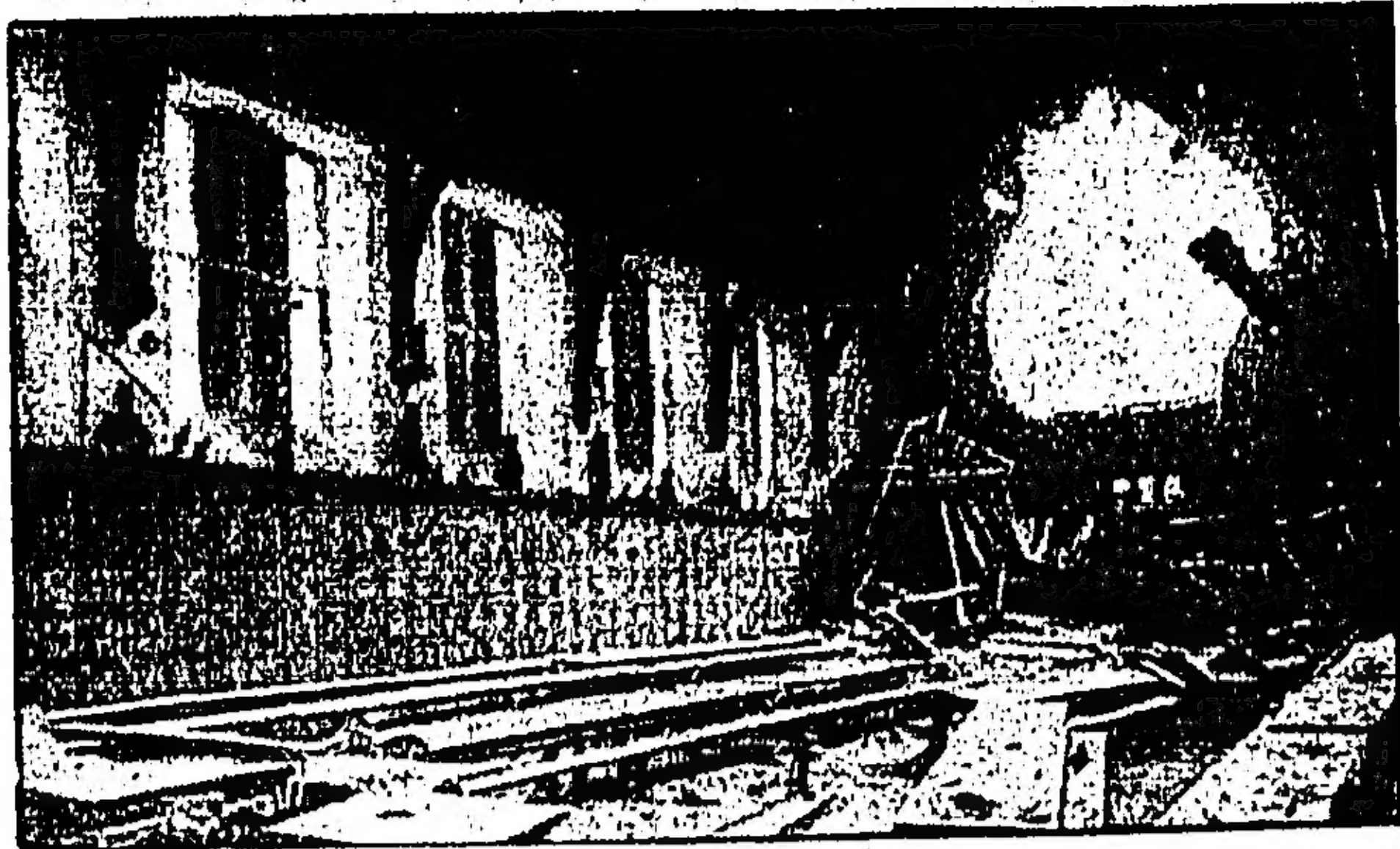
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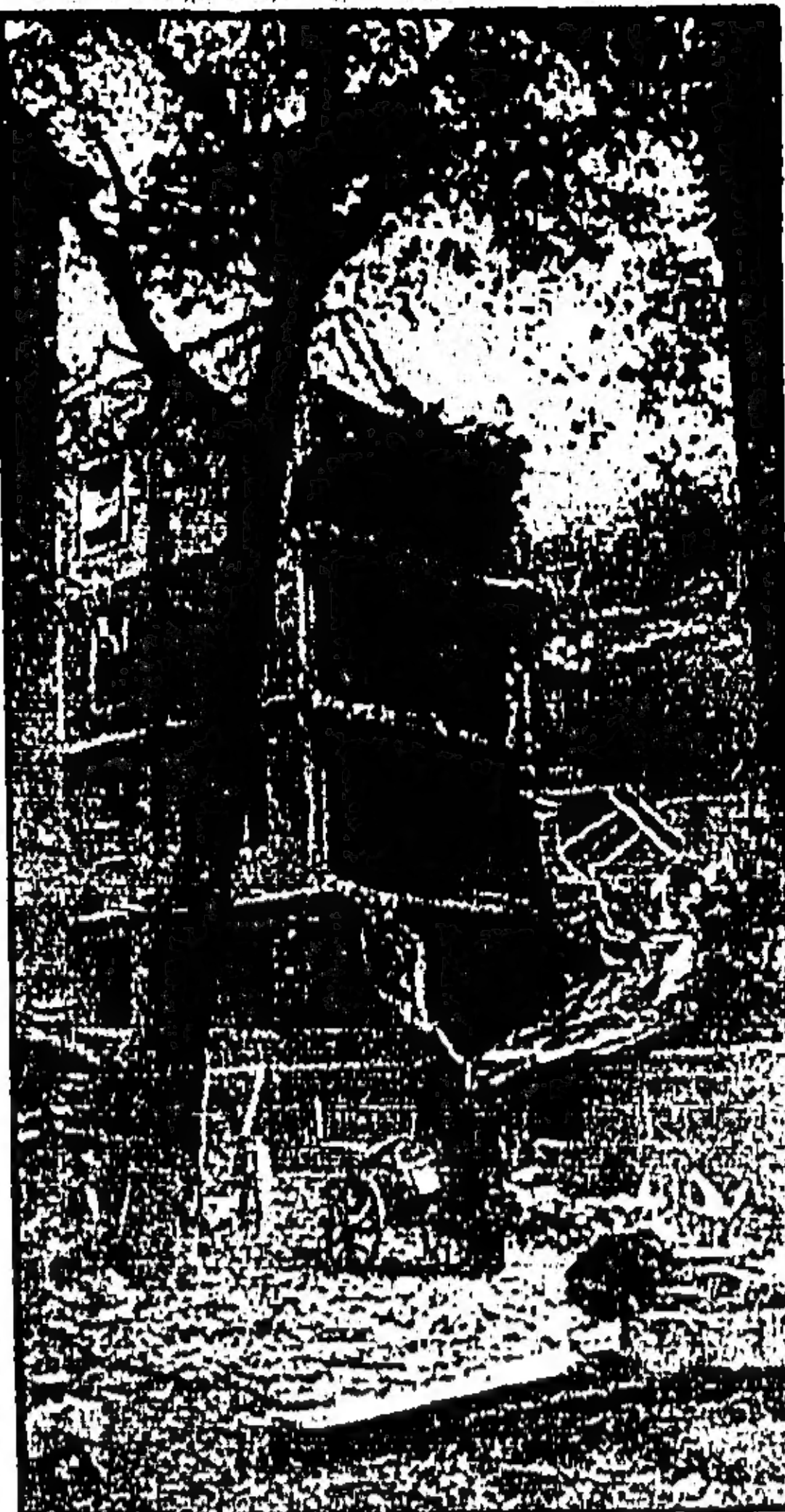
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## Cession of Territories By France to Thailand

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Mar. 11 (Domei).—Upon receipt of reports that the terms of mediation in the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute were formally signed at Tokyo, the Thai Government immediately made a public announcement confirming the satisfactory settlement of the Tokyo conference, while the Premier, Mr. Luang Bipul Songgram proclaimed over the radio the restoration of the lost territories.

In order to administer the territories ceded by France, an Indo-China board will be created in the Ministry of Interior. Meanwhile, there are indications that the tendency of nationalism in Thailand has been further accelerated by the recovery of the "lost territories" from France, it being publicly urged that a great Thailand could be built up in co-operation with Japan. This trend of public feelings in the country is expected to contribute much towards the future relations between Japan and Thailand.

## Archbishop Of Cologne Dies

Was Known To Tommies

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Cardinal Karl Josef Schulte, Archbishop of Cologne, died on Monday night, aged 69, says the Swiss radio.

Cardinal Schulte, who was well-known to the troops of the British Army at the Ose and the Rhine after the Great War, was associated with the German hierarchy in condemnation of the Nazi sterilisation law. He was prominent during the last war in alleviating the lot of British and French prisoners of war in Germany.

## INDIA LOOKS AFTER SAILORS

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Council of State has passed a resolution similar to that passed in the Assembly, recommending the establishment of a scheme to provide for the payment of compensation in respect of war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed in the seagoing services on ships registered in British India.

**Supply Council**  
NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—With the arrival of the South African and Australian delegates, work on the Eastern Group Supply Council is expected to get under way in the near future.

## Japanese Army

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—"Japan has 52 divisions under arms, of which 37 are stationed in China, nine in Manchuria and six in Japan, Korea and Formosa," stated a Chinese Military Council spokesman today in reviewing Japanese military concentrations. "It is estimated that Japan can use seven or eight divisions for the southward push, with Singapore as the main objective."



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## VICHY—LONDON DISCORD

Hitler's Venom

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Admiral Darlan's threat to "convoy French merchantships" is "not a possibility but a certainty," alleged the German-controlled Paris radio today.

The announcer stated: "A number of articles in the Paris press are in favour of this action." In well-informed quarters in London, it was pointed out to-night that this latest example of German propaganda lends support to the view that the Germans are anxious to see a clash between the French and British fleets as soon as possible.

**Berlin Agreement**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Arrangements for the supply of raw materials from Germany for French industry were concluded by a representative of the French iron and steel industry during a six-day visit to Berlin, from which he has just returned to Paris, stated the Lyons radio to-night.

## ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE AID BILL

FROM PAGE ONE

House Foreign Affairs Committee, making his closing speech in the House debate on Senate amendments: "This Bill is the voice of a trumpet call to victory for free governments everywhere."

"By this action, the United States gives the lie to the cowardly, defeatist cry that democracy is powerless in the face of aggression. We are now proving that democracy can and will carry into effect Lincoln's high resolve that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

**Amount Sought**  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Congressional authorities disclose that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for an appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to carry out the British Aid programme.

**Key Men Called**  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Making steady strides to establish the machine with which to operate the British Aid programme immediately the Lease and Lend Bill becomes law, President Roosevelt called a White House conference this morning. Those attending were key members of Congress who will handle the billions of dollars in appropriations to finance America's war effort.

**Final Voting**  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The voting in the House of Representatives on the final passing of the Lease and Lend Bill was 317 to 71.

## Cosme Going

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VICHY, Mar. 11 (Domei).—It is understood that the French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, will be appointed Ambassador to Moscow to replace M. Eric Labonne who has been recalled home.

## New Constitution For Jamaica

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—An important statement regarding a new constitution for Jamaica may shortly be made in the House of Commons, "Reuters" understands. It is understood that the island will have a constitution based upon elections by popular vote.

**Master Of King's Music**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The famous British musician, Sir Walford Davies, who has been "Master of the King's Music" since 1934, died here today.

## Suez Escapes

CAIRO, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—A few bombs were dropped on the Suez Canal area in the course of an air raid this morning. No damage or casualties resulted.

## Shaw Speaks In Film Of His Play

Early in 1939 George Bernard Shaw agreed to let a film be made of "Major Barbara," his story of a munitions maker's daughter who learned about life and capitalism in the Salvation Army.

War bent the scenario into existence by a month and "Major Barbara" was produced under fire.

Shaw has prepared a new introduction to the play, which he personally delivers in the film. This is what he says:—

**Mr Shaw Speaking:**  
"Citizens of the United States, the whole 130,000,000 of you, Mr Shaw will say to all who see his film, 'I am sending you my old plays, just as you are sending us your old destroyers.'"

"Our Government has very kindly thrown in a few naval bases as well. Makes the bargain more welcome to you. 'Now the German humorist—I think his name is Dr. Goebbels—has got a great deal of innocent fun out of this. He tells us that England has sold her colonies for scrap iron.'"

"And why shouldn't we? We are in very great want of scrap iron. We are collecting scrap iron from door to door. Our women are bringing out their old bicycles. And you, with equal devotion, are bringing out your old destroyers."

"And now, what about our colonies? Our colonies are always much the better when we have plenty of Americans visiting them. When we think of our English colonies with American garrisons in them, we are delighted. 'In fact, if you would like a few more, say in the Isle of Wight, or the Isle of Man, or on the west coast of Africa—well, we should be only too glad to welcome you. Delighted!'"

## 'My Number Is Up'

"Now here I am in an English county, one of those counties that we call the Home Counties. I am within 40 minutes' drive of the centre of London, and at any moment a bomb may crash through this roof and blow me to atoms."

"Now, please understand—I cannot promise you such a delightful finish to this news item. Still, it may happen, so don't give up hope yet. 'If it does happen, well, it will not matter very much to me. As you see (a wide, whiskery gesture) I am in my 85th year. I have shot my bolt. I have done my work. War or no war my number is up. 'But if my films are still being shown in America, my soul will go marching on, and that will satisfy me.'"

## Shaw And Goldwyn

Until a season or so ago, G. B. S. would never countenance the idea of letting his plays be filmed. When Sam Goldwyn tried to induce him to change his mind, arguing that Mr Shaw owed this courtesy to posterity, the playwright had a perfectly confounding answer for him. "The trouble with you, Mr Goldwyn," he said, "is that you are interested only in money. I am interested only in art."

Gabriel Pascal, who produced G. B. S.'s first movie, "Pygmalion," is also the producer of "Major Barbara."

## CENSUS OF COLONY

Co-operation Of Public Asked

The public is asked to give their full co-operation in the census of the Colony's population to be undertaken by A.R.P. Wardens, on the instructions of Government, to-morrow and Friday evenings.

It is pointed out that, in normal times, a census entails months of organisation, and the information required covers a good deal of ground. On this occasion, the census is little more than a counting of heads, and all that is required is the number of people who generally sleep on the premises, the race to which they belong, sub-divided into three age groups, that is, one to nine years, ten to sixty years, and over sixty years.

Government has entrusted the taking of the census to the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens, the members of which will make personal calls on all householders in their respective sectors. In the case of outlying districts, forms will be sent by post and should be returned on the following day.

As can be appreciated, the task of taking a census is by no means light, and the public are earnestly requested to give their full co-operation, so as to enable the A.R.P. Wardens to render to Headquarters a complete return of their sectors as speedily as possible.

## Murder In Society

Erroll Death Probe

NAIROBI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Sir Delves Broughton, Bt, 53, was today formally charged with the murder of Lord Erroll, 39, who was found dead towards the end of January.

No evidence was cited and the case was adjourned to March 19. When Lord Erroll's death was announced, it was reported to be due to a motor accident, but at the inquest the Senior Government Pathologist stated that two shots had been fired at Lord Erroll who dodged the first but received a fatal injury from the second.

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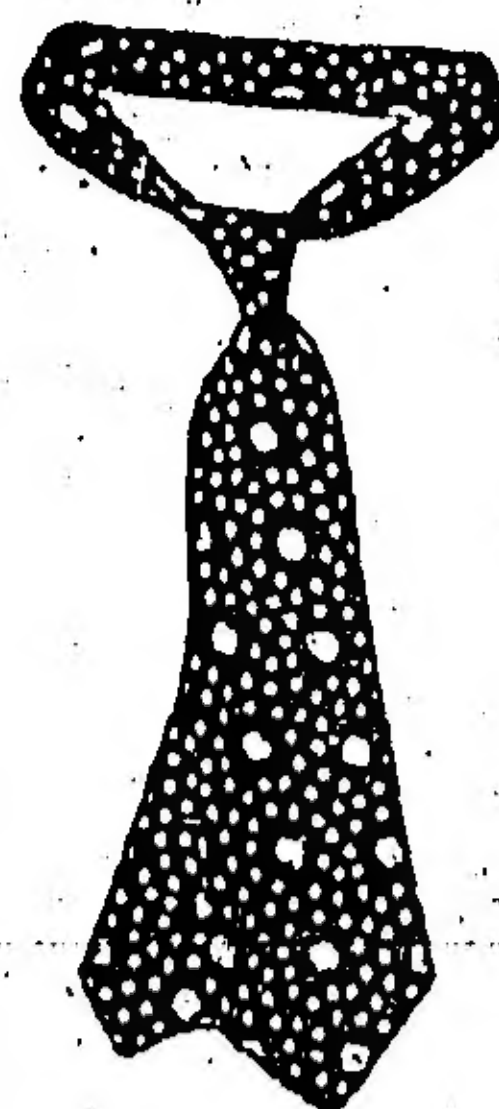
## Sino-Indian Culture

CALCUTTA, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Accepting a donation of £250 from Tai Chi-tao, President of the Examination Yuan of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore's Visvabharathi University has apportioned part of this sum to expanding the Sino-Indian Cultural Society.

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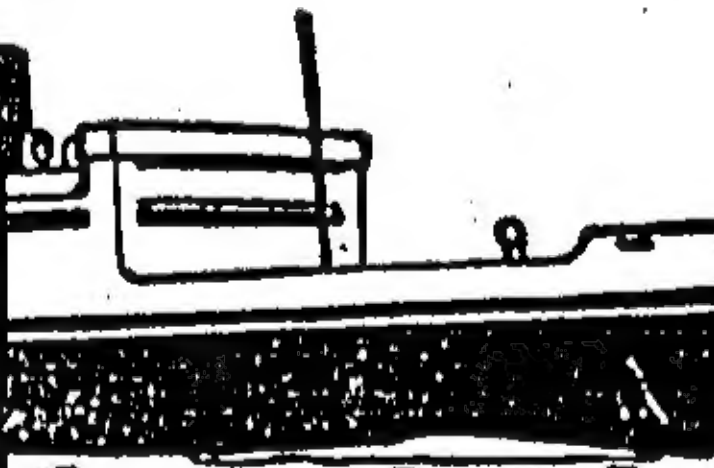
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# Around The Courses

## Generous Gesture By Macao G.C. Stars For 1940/41 Season

### Portuguese Course Thrown Open To Country Club Members

(By "Birdie")

FORGING A TIE between the two Colonies that to many golfers should be of great benefit, the Macao Golf Club—correctly, the Tennis Civil Golf Section—recently made a most generous gesture in extending the facilities of their course to members of the Country Club, Sheungshui.

Needless to say, the Country Club spontaneously reciprocated so that members of either Club are now able to make week-end golf trips between the two Colonies.

The Portuguese course is a most recent acquisition and is open to improvement, but in the general lay-out two members of the Country Club—Mr F. E. D'Almada Remedios and Mr A. A. Lopes—had a share.

The Macao Club's invitation is in appreciation of the advice of these two players. Apart from that, however, the gesture has a fraternal tone that is ever dear to members of Clubs no matter what their sporting activities.

In this, as regards Golf, Kowloon and Happy Valley have been in happy association for quite some time, and now the Country Club has commenced a series of matches with Kowloon, too.

Incidentally, I mentioned last week that the return match between the latter two Clubs had been fixed for March 23—this was a slight error in date. The match will be played at Sheungshui on Sunday, March 30.

GIVE a child a club and ask him to swing at a ball and he will take hold in the reverse manner. That is, with the left hand below the right. This, if he is right-handed, gives him control with the right. But the orthodox grip for a right-hander is to have the right hand below the left, and for this the grip has to be cultivated and learned.

But there does, I suppose, come a time when one meets with a player, who, perhaps from youth, has swung a club with the so-called "natural" grip and who still retains it.

I met one such golfer on the Kowloon course a few weeks ago. I have read quite some books on the game, but I have never come across mention of this grip. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when I saw this player swing easily and correctly to knock the ball some 100 yards with a No. 3 iron. This was off an elevated tee.

It is thus that a left-handed player could play with right-handed clubs!

A FRIEND told me recently that he had read in a paper that the Home authorities were thinking of adopting the American ball. The difference between the two, I believe, is that the standard R. & A. ball should not be less than 1.62 inches in diameter and not greater than 1.62 ounces in weight, while the American ball is 1.65 inches in diameter. I don't know anything about the weight, but I am given to understand the latter is lighter.

There aren't any American balls for sale in Hongkong, but one was in use a little while ago, and the player, who was a visitor from the Philippines, was most emphatic about the shorter length of the American make.

The larger the ball, of course, the greater the wind resistance, and, therefore, the less would be the distance from the club. And the lighter the ball, the smaller the distance still.

If there are experiments going on to limit the length of drives, then the Americans are on the right track.

MEMBERS of the Country Club are reminded that the coming Sunday will be for the second round match of the Mixed Foursomes. Every effort should be made to play off these matches, as with the rain and Volunteer Camps there has been some hold-up in other competitions, and it is desired to complete all tournaments before the annual President v. Captain match on April 6.

GOLF links around the London area are suffering from Hitler's "blitz". Most of them are pitted with craters, and Sunningdale Park leads with a total of 68, of which 20 were created in one night! Eighteen are on the fairways, but the greens have, as yet, escaped unscathed.

### ARMY LEAGUE SNOOKER STANDINGS

Following are the results of the Garrison snooker matches played on Monday:

R. A. Sergeants (Stanley) drew with Signals Corporals, 3-3;  
R. E. A. drew with Signals A. 3-3;  
R. E. Sergeants beat Police, 4-2;  
R. A. M.C. beat R. A. P.C. 5-1.

#### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pls.
R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	44
R. E. Sergeants	11	7	3	3	42
R. A. Sergeants	11	7	3	3	37
R. E. A.	11	7	3	3	31
R. A. P.C.	11	7	3	3	28
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	27
Signals Corporals	11	7	3	3	26
Police	11	7	3	3	25
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	24
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	23
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	22
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	21
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	20
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	19
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	18
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	17
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	16
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	15
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	14
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	13
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	12
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	11
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	10
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	9
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	8
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	7
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	6
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	5
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	4
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	3
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	2
Signals A.	11	7	3	3	1
Pie Whybro, R. A. M.C.	11	7	3	3	0

### Home Soccer Fixtures For March 15

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, March 15:

WAR CUP.  
Second Round, South

Cardiff v. Reading.

Second Round, North

Grimby v. Barnsley; Leeds v. Middlesbrough.

Third Round, South

Leicester v. Mansfield; Queen's P.R. v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Arsenal.

Third Round, North

Everton v. Manchester C.; Preston N.E. v. Tranmere.

LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Fulham.

LEAGUE SOUTH

Bournemouth v. Brighton; Portsmouth v. Southampton; Southend v. Watford; Luton v. Norwich.

SOUTH REGIONAL

Brentford v. Crystal Pal.; Notts C. v. Notts B.; West Brom. v. Stoke.

NORTH REGIONAL

Blackburn v. Burnley; Blackpool v. Bury; Bolton v. Chesterfield; Doncaster v. Halifax; Bradford v. Rochdale; Bradford C. v. Sheffield W.

WEST REGIONAL

Bath City v. Cardiff Corinthians; Lovell's Athletic v. Acoeraman; Swansea Town v. Bristol C.

SCOTTISH CUP

Airdrie v. Motherwell; Celtic v. Partick; Hamilton v. Albion; Morton v. St. Mirren; Falkirk v. Dumbarton; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hearts v. Clyde; Queen's Park v. Hibernians.

2nd Eleven

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. second eleven in their League match against Kowloon C.C. on the latter's ground at Kowloon on Saturday:

E. Zimmerman (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hung, A. K. Ismail, E. J. Mitchell, W. Wong Sing, G. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.

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### LEE WAI-TONG IN ACTION



Lee Wai-tong (South China) with an anticipatory smile on his face as he goes for the ball. Chung Fai-lam (Kwong Wah's right back) seems about to get there first.—Sun Ying-ming Studio.

### Alice Marble Should Earn £10,000 In 5 Months

#### Mary Hardwick Forsakes Amateurs

LONDON, Jan.—On January 6 England lost one of its best girl players and America its most dominant personality since Helen Wills, when Mary Hardwick and Alice Marble made their professional tennis debuts at Madison Square Garden, New York.

In this country professional tennis as a spectacle has hardly been born, but it may enjoy a boom after the war.

In the U.S. professional tennis has become a big winter indoor sport. Alice Marble will provide a leading woman professional player—the first since Suzanne Lenglen; she plays as nearly like a man as is possible for a girl, with hard-hit services, speedy drives to the corners, and surprising nobility on the court.

It is estimated that in her 4½ months' tour she will earn more than £10,000. She has a guarantee of £2,500, and in addition is on a percentage of gate receipts.

Ten per cent of Miss Marble's earnings will go to Miss Eleanor Tennant, her teacher, and constant companion of recent years. Miss Tennant in turn puts half her earnings as teacher back into amateur tennis—sending her most promising pupils to tournaments for experience, paying their expenses and buying them equipment.

Miss Hardwick frankly admits she has turned professional for money; she says she now has a chance to repay her family for their efforts to make a lawn tennis career possible for her.

She is also giving a percentage of her earnings to the British War Relief Fund.—Our Own Correspondent.

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## Review Of Colony's Softball Stars For 1940/41 Season

### Poverty Of Pitchers: "All-Hongkong" Team

(By "Ball Fan")

WITH THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL close of yet another grand softball season, thoughts of the gashouse faithful naturally veer back to encompass the entire schedule, picking out at a glance the shining lights, the various incidents, and other highlights of the past winter.

New stars have been born to take a commanding position, while veterans have also continued in a blaze of glory. But no single team, no individual position has a vice grip on the array of the Colony's softball diamond this past season.

THERE are always brilliant catchers. You'll find them on practically every team.

This year's top-spot backstop has found Mohawk Joe Morris, C.B.C.'s Nip Lum and Indianman Tarzan Ismail in a class supreme.

Each is a hustler, zipping the ball around to catch base runners. However, fiery Joe Morris appears to take the nod with his lightning throws across the infield. He's the ideal catcher, fast, full of fight and commanding real confidence from his moundsmen.

#### Pitcher's Palm

THE hurling department has improved but slowly in comparison to other layouts.

Our slabsmen have yet to master the art of tricky, clean-cut, deceptive and speedy hurling.

Last season's ace Herbie Quon has faded considerably due to lack of that important thing known as confidence. Den Cray has mastered a real fast ball throw this year and appears to be just about the speediest hurler in the Colony at the present time, but as yet lacks control to become the pitching ace of the year.

Gerry Gosano, Rec man opened out to the fore this year, culminating in a masterful New Year's Day performance. We give this rough riding Rec the call as the outstanding slab tosser of the year, a spot that has shown very little if any improvement, due to his consistency, a fair amount of speed, coolness, a 367 batting average and a fighting heart.

#### The "Hot Spot"

THE initial sack, a spot that demands power clouting as well as torpid shenanigan fielding acts, brought St. Joseph's hefty Stan Leonard, Indian Clubber Romeo Hamel and Nick "my kingdom for a base" Beltrac, Rec staller, to the fore; each of whom gave his respective team a first sacker with a sure pair of catching hands, a calm and cool forte when the going was toughest, holding down the bag in workmanlike manner.

Big boy Stan Leonard's clutch clubbing was an outstanding feature in the success of the Leonardmen and with this in mind the burly Saint gets the call.

#### Keystone Chair

AT second we find heavy hitting Baby Abbas and St. Joseph's promising rookie Arturo Ozorio in a desperate bid to uphold the honour of the keystone berth. Both cover well, can hold them within a wide range and are cool and collected in any pinch spot.

The "Baby" set a terrific hitting pace at the beginning of the season, coming through with many timely singles. The top chair is his, in our estimation.

#### Narrow Choice

THE hot corner found that firebrand batter Dave Leonard and Mohawk Lou Leight making it a two-way fight for all-recognition honours. The old bumbino himself is a virtual terror to opposing hurlers, fighting type of ballplayer with that "we must win" jabber marked in his every movement.

Dave appeals in a big way to the box office manager as one who can draw the crowds from far and near. He has rip-roaring style that has the rabid fans in a frenzy, packs colour and glory and is an essential type of ballplayer in any league.

Handsome Lou Leight presents to us the refined type of player with real class in his actions; a ballplayer who has been brought up in surroundings where sportsmanship and "play the game for the game's sake" predominates above all.

It's real tough going to choose between these two different types of ball tossers but we give the nod to Dave Leonard because of his hairy clouting and steady fielding which has kept St. Joseph's ballhawks right up on top.

#### Shortstop Stars

AT shortstop, H.K.B.C. brave, Pete Fitch has a firm hold above the rest of the aspirants. A. V. Gosano Rec star, George Souza and A. R. Kitchell, Indian hustler, played sizzling ball down by the windy alley and

### Final Selections

The "Telegraph's" mythical All-Hongkong team of 1940-41:

Pitcher—Gosano, Recreio; Den Cray, C.B.C.  
Catcher—Joe Morris, H.K.B.C. Mohawks.  
1st base—Stan Leonard, St. Joseph's.  
2nd base—Baby Abbas, Indians.  
3rd base—Dave Leonard, St. Joseph's.  
Shortstop—Pete Fitch, H.K.B.C. Mohawks.  
Left Field—Joey Schallberg, H.K.B.C. Mohawks.  
Centre Field—Eddie Gosano, Recreio.  
Right Field—Savage Hassan, Indians.  
Manager—Abe Lin, C.B.C.

same in for press comment frequently with dazzling displays.

However Mohawk Pete Fitch is the ideal type of ballplayer, a manager's dream, a mirage in the desert, one who has everything.

His sizzling throws across the diamond have been a treat to watch, he covers a maximum amount of ground, is a big powerful clutch slugger at the plate and a steady influence, as well as a guiding example to his teammates. Yes, we take our hats off to Pete Fitch as the outstanding shortstop of the year in Hongkong.

#### Varied Selection

IN the outfield we had a varied selection from which to choose. Speed and quick anticipation has been the keynote of successful flyshaggers. Outfielders are required to be powerful hitters, must possess agility and above all must harbour fearless traits.

Eddie and Zinho Gosano, rough riding Recs, Joey Schallberg, Mohawk threat, Savage Hassan and A. K. Omar, Indians, Showboat Ali, St. Joseph's, and Baker, Cyclone giant, all passed through with the big of field recognition stamp.

An outfield of Eddie Gosano at centre, Joey Schallberg coming in at left, with Savage Hassan cruising around at right field would be any manager's delight, a dream combination, a trio that has most everything—keen anticipation, fleet-footed shagging, instinctive covering, powerful bickery-wielding, and above all, the drive that makes real champions.

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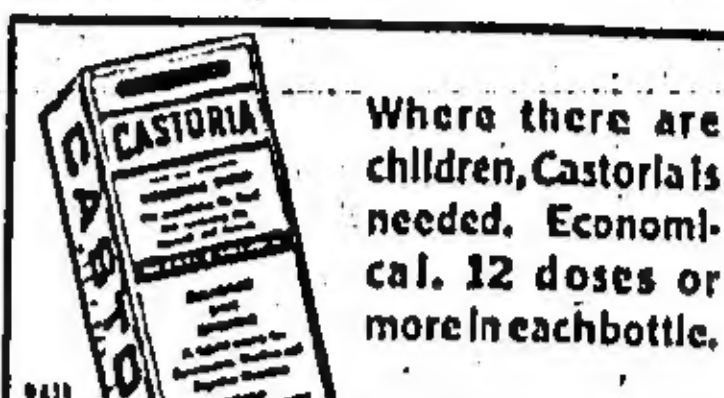
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## COMPANY PROFIT China Provident's Good Year

The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., has issued the report of the Directors for the year ended December 31, 1940, for presentation at the forty-fourth annual general meeting, in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, on March 15. It states:

The net profit for the year 1940, after deducting all charges and making provision for War Taxation and contingencies was \$419,491.26, to which must be added the balance brought forward from 1939 account, \$47,651.18, making a total of \$467,142.44 now available for appropriation, which the Directors recommended be dealt with as follows:

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Directorate.—In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. S. M. Churn, and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong retire, and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lindsay and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Chartered Accountants, who offer themselves for re-election.

**NO WEATHER REPORTS**

The Director of the Observatory, Mr. C. W. Jeffries, announced yesterday that no meteorological information would be made public until further notice, except by means of the local storm signal code.

## American Ace Cameraman Returns To East

Mr Arthur Menken, Paramount newsreel cameraman returned by the China Clipper from San Francisco yesterday, this time as a "roving reporter" in the Far East.

"I don't know where I will rove or when," he remarked. "It depends on what the Japanese are going to do." Mr Menken distinguished himself in Spain for daring work in war scenes, during which he was wounded. He also obtained pictures of the bombing of Nanking in October 1937, and was one of the few newspapermen left in the city when the Japanese arrived. He filmed the withdrawal of the Allied forces from Norway and his last assignment before coming to Hongkong was in England, when he was stationed on the Dover coast during the very heavy bombing and shelling in September.

Asked of his opinion of the German bombing and shelling of the British coast, Mr Menken said that because of the proximity of the German air bases, the Nazis concentrated their air force and gave England such a bombing that had never been seen before.

"The Russian bombing in Finland, although it was hell on earth, was done in a haphazard way," he said. "It was sloppy, and the damage in many cases was due to the wooden houses in the Finnish towns. The German bombing of Norway, which also has wooden houses, was tremendously accurate and tremendously destructive."

Mr Menken said he was glad the Lease and Lend Bill had been passed as it would mean that more aircraft and ships would be available to Britain.

"The only defence against aircraft is aircraft," he said. "The only defence in the air is offence, and attack must be met by attack."

### Bombing of French Coast

Mr Menken said the bombing by the British of the invasion ports on the French coast had never been sufficiently published. This had been carried on continuously night after night, and parachute flares had been

## Hundreds Of Victims Of Pellagra

The serious effect of the high cost of living is clearly indicated by the appearance for the first time in the mortality bills of the Colony of several hundred deaths from Pellagra in the Chinese hospitals. There has also been a substantial increase in the death rate of those suffering from Beri-Beri.

Figures released by the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths as regards the loss of life from deficiency diseases in the Chinese group of hospitals in Hongkong, show that, in 1939, 7,390 Beri-Beri cases were admitted to the hospitals and that the number of deaths amounted to 1,951, an average of 26.31 per cent. Last year, 13,588 cases were admitted to the hospitals and of these 4,149 succumbed to the disease, an average of 30.53 per cent.

In 1939 the hospitals received no patients suffering from Pellagra, but in 1940, 915 persons afflicted with this disease were admitted to the hospitals and of this figure 413 died,

## Chinese Object To Increased Charges

At the Chinese Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting yesterday, at which Mr Philip Gocklebin presided, there was a discussion by members of the General Committee regarding the proposed increased charges by the Hongkong Electric Company and the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Opinions were expressed that since the Chinese in Hongkong have suffered great hardship since the war due to the high cost of living, the utility companies should not impose further burdens upon the Chinese when consideration was taken of their profits during the past year.

The meeting resolved to write to the Legislative Council asking them to present the Chamber's protest to the Government with a request that the Companies concerned should postpone increasing their rates.

According to the New Age Encyclopedia, Pellagra is an endemic disease occurring in Italy, Spain, Egypt, as well as in several other widely separated parts of the world. The disease is characterised by a burning of the skin, a red rash, pigmentation, nervous disorders, muscular wasting and progressive general weakness.

## Cholera Increases In Colony

It is announced by the Medical Authorities that owing to the rapid increase in cases of Cholera needing isolation, it will become necessary shortly to reopen the Cholera wards in the Lai Chi Kok Hospital.

Members of the public are again urged to secure such protection as may be given as the result of anti-Cholera inoculations.

The number of cases of Cholera to date for this year are 49, with 26 deaths. For the week ending March 8, there were 24 cases, with 10

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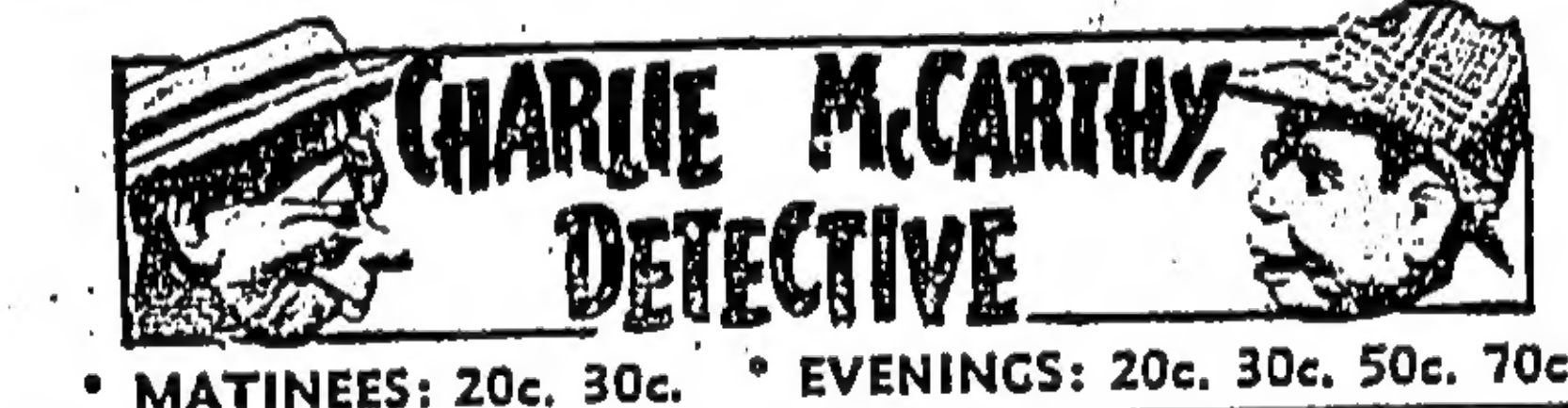
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## Britain's Air Force Goes Up Aloft

—FROM PAGE ONE—

strength of the whole R.A.F. by nearly 50 per cent. while two other Commands have a strength equal to more than the peace-time R.A.F. total.

"This expansion will be enormously accelerated during the coming year.

"British science stands in the forefront of aviation and medical research and despite the fact that flying training in Britain has to be carried out within the war zone, we accept no reduction in the standard of training. In some schools, training is now being carried out not only in double shifts but even in four shifts.

**Training Scheme**  
"The success of the Empire Training Scheme has surpassed all expectations. In Canada, the output of pilots and crews is well ahead of schedule and there has been a great expansion in training in Australia and New Zealand.

"Men trained under the great organisation in South Africa and Rhodesia are, like others trained overseas, fighting to-day and are brilliantly successful.

"The Governments of Malaya, Trinidad and Bermuda have themselves made arrangements to give elementary flying training.

"A full scale training organisation is being formed in India for pilots for the R.A.F. and the Indian Air Force, while another training organisation established in Burma, the 'Youths' Air Training Corps, launched five and a half weeks ago, has already enrolled 130,000 boys and has formed over 1,000 units.

**Civil Aviation**

"Considering the total number of boys aged between 16 and 18 is only 750,000, this is a great achievement.

"The war has necessarily restricted civil aviation but a service is running from Durban to Khartoum and Cairo and thence across India to Australia which links with the United Kingdom by flying boats via Lisbon and West Africa.

"It is hoped to resume the trans-Atlantic service in the near future.

"The R.A.F. is now on the threshold of its period of greatest expansion and during the coming 12 months we shall absorb in rapidly increasing numbers the products of American as well as British industry."

**Aid Not Lost**  
"Goebbels tells his German dupes that American help for Britain will arrive too late, but I tell you that these formidable aircraft, the choicest fruits of American design and craftsmanship, will get here in time," Sir Archibald continued.

The Air Minister, however, would not be optimistic about the menace of the night bomber. More severe attacks than ever may well be in store but our methods of defence and counter-attack are gradually improving and we shall exact from the night bombers, as we have already begun to exact, an increasing toll.

**Fighting Two Fleets**  
After pointing out that Britain has been fighting and still to some extent is fighting not one air force but two, the Air Minister said that we have destroyed half the Italian first line and have certainly destroyed much more than half of the first line with which Germany entered the war.

Sir Archibald declared that the strength of the R.A.F. is very much greater now than when the Battle of Britain began last August. The war, however, is about to enter a grimmer phase. "It will be no easy task to defeat Nazi Germany, but it can, must and will be done," (Cheers).

Meanwhile, our pilots so far have maintained their individual ascendancy over the enemy. Their chief difficulty to-day is to bring the German pilots to battle.

## Burma Highway Director

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (UP).—Dr John Earl Baker arrived today by plane from Hongkong to discuss the preliminary details of his new job as Director-General of the Burma highway.

It is learned that he was offered the job a fortnight ago by the Generalissimo and accepted it on the condition that the American Red Cross accept his resignation, which it has.

## Matsuoka To Talk Military Matters

—FROM PAGE ONE—

of the men who participates in the constructive work on which the pact is based."

**Expected In Rome**  
ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Mr Matsuoka is expected to arrive in Rome early in April, according to the official Italian newsagency. He will have conversations with Mussolini and Hitler during which questions relating to collaboration between the Axis Powers will be examined.

**No Secret Mission**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
TOKYO, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mr Matsuoka said he had wished to make the trip he was now undertaking ever since the tripartite pact was concluded.

"As Japan's Foreign Minister I am going on an important mission," he said. "However, there is no special hidden mission. For the sake of tripartite alliances of the future I intend to conduct the fullest discussions."

"I have never met Herr Hitler, Marshal Goering or Herr Ribbentrop and I have wanted to meet them to have heart to heart talks with them. I also intend to see the most important persons in Germany and Italy to preach my long-cherished world peace opinions, based on the principle of 'hakkio ichiu' which means 'eight corners under one roof' or 'universal brotherhood'."

## BIG ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

—FROM PAGE ONE—

closing in on Keren. Several enemy gun positions were bombed and machine-gunned. A bridge on the Keren-Asmara road was heavily bombed and a large petrol dump was destroyed south-west of Asmara.

At Azozzo, R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and destroyed two enemy bombers on the ground.

No aircraft was lost in these operations.

## LATE NEWS

## ITALIANS LOSE HUNDREDS

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transport concentrations and enemy camps.

**Bottai Killed**  
ATHENS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Press Ministry confirms that the Fascist Minister of Education, Bottai, was killed in the recent fighting at the head of a Blackshirt battalion. He was engaged in firing on his own troops in retreat when killed.

**No Proposals**  
ATHENS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An authoritative denial was given here to-day to the reports that the German Minister in Athens had handed to M. Korizis, the Greek Prime Minister, "certain proposals". No proposal, it is stated, have been presented.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

**Industrials Lower**

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was dull in the absence of constructive factors but there was no selling pressure and the undertone was steady.

There was some profit-taking on gilt-edged securities, and also on Indian bonds, while industrials tended to be lower.

Home calls and oils were irregular, and Kaffirs were quiet pending to-morrow's Union budget.

Egyptian bonds were unified and advanced slightly.

Wall Street was firm.

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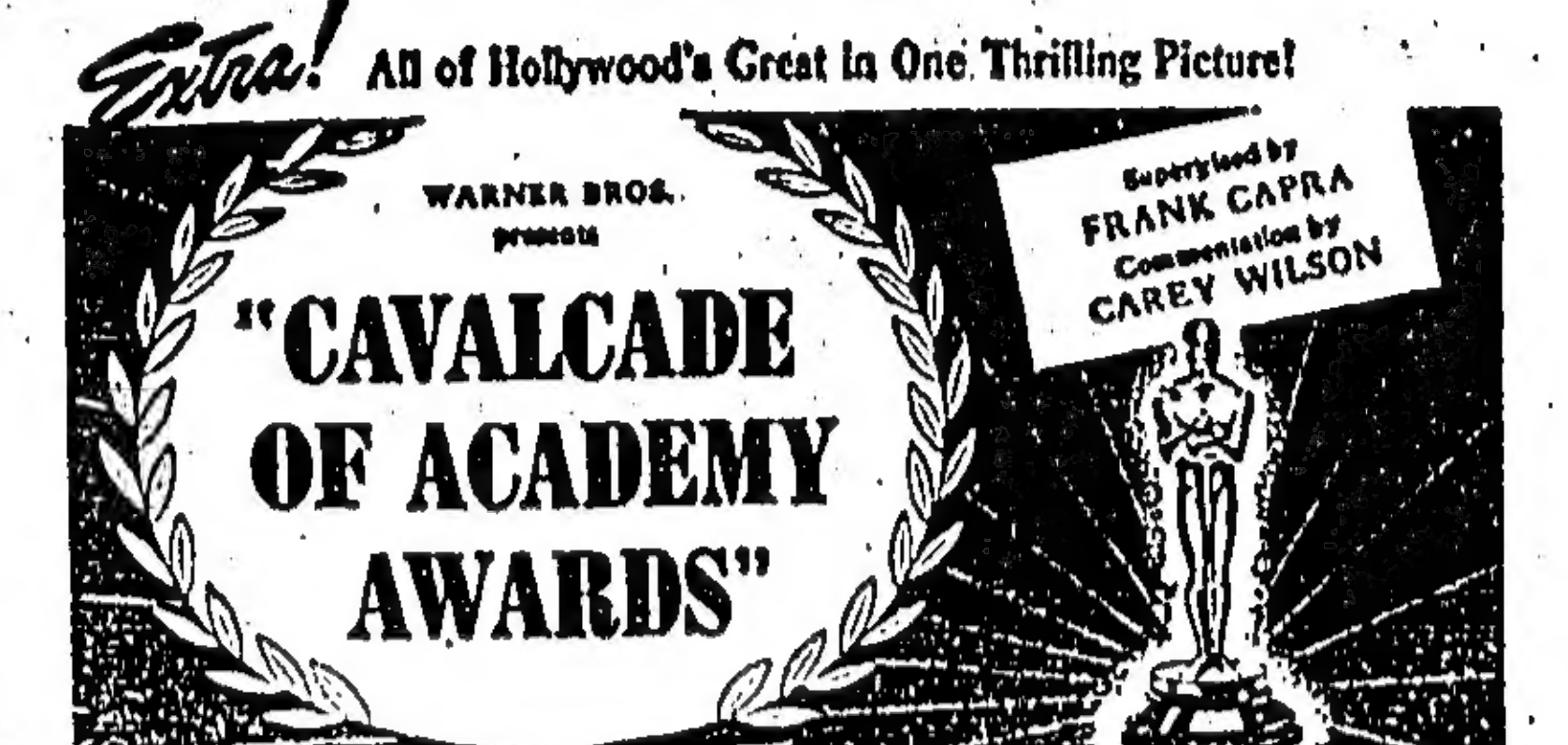
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## Britain's New Air Force Goes Up Aloft

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The revolutionary progress of the R.A.F.—its faster and more powerful fighters and the transformation of existing world-known models into virtually new types—was the theme of an address by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in introducing the Air Force estimates in the House of Commons to-day.

Among the types which the Minister mentioned publicly for the first time were the Beau fighter designed for long-range operations and night fighting and carrying very heavy armament, and also the heavy Halifax bomber.

Later models of Spitfires and Hurricanes are now in service, fitted with more powerful engines and heavier armament.

The new Hawker Tornado will be equipped with engines nearly twice the horsepower of the fighters which bore the brunt of the Battle of Britain and can carry still heavier armament and yet attain a speed well over 400 miles an hour.

As to bombers, Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitneys will be the main R.A.F. offensive. The latest models of these bombers are fitted with more powerful engines and some—although the name remains—are quite different aircraft.

**Heavier Bombers**  
In addition there is a range of very much heavier bombers, including Manchester and Halifax, all of which have already shown their worth against enemy targets. They are more than twice the size of any earlier types, are faster and carry heavier defensive armament, and twice the weight of bombs over the same distance as their predecessors.

Sir Archibald declared that the bombers had made 280 raids on aerodromes and seaplane bases, 300 on docks and shipping, 470 on railways and communications and 650 on industrial targets, all in Germany, apart from their many very heavy raids on objectives in occupied territory.

In the same period, Coastal Command aircraft had flown 10,000,000 miles.

**Overseas Squadrons**  
Squadrons from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, squadrons manned by men from India and Newfoundland and all the Colonial territories are playing their part in the battle.

"Another squadron of which the House will hear more before long is the Eagle Squadron, mounted on Hurricanes and manned by American pilots.

"The strength of one R.A.F. Command alone exceeds the total peace

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**BORIS RECEIVES M. POPOFF**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 11 (UP).—King Boris received the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff last evening, but no details were given out.

The American Minister, Mr. George Earle is expected back from the border at 6 p.m. He accompanied Mr. Rendel and his party of 50 to the Turkish frontier on their way to Istanbul. The Argentine, Greek, Yugo-Slav and Turkish Ministers and other diplomats bade them farewell.

## Yugo-Slavia Still Stands Outside Axis Camp

BELGRADE, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slavia will not sign the Tripartite Pact even if directly asked to do so, according to well-informed quarters here.

There is no reason to believe that Germany has already made a definite demand for Yugo-Slavia's signature nor is it confirmed that German pressure on Belgrade has been intensified.

It is still considered likely that the Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr. Dragisa Cvetkovich and M. Alexander Cincur-Markovitch, will visit Vienna within the next few days but the rumours that aircraft have already arrived to take them are unfounded.

Relations with the Reich are still officially described as perfectly cordial.

Postponement of the Yugo-Slav statement's trip can be attributed to

## 7 Raiders Downed

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Seven German aircraft were destroyed in attacks on Britain last night.

Four were shot down in the Portsmouth area which was the main Nazi target, by anti-aircraft guns. They were seen to crash or explode in mid-air by many witnesses.

It was also learnt to-night that two German bombers, about to take off from an aerodrome in Holland, were machine-gunned by a British bomber returning from an R.A.F. raid on Cologne on Monday night.

A Messerschmitt fighter which tried interception was promptly shot down.

## Italians Lose Hundreds

Albania Reverses

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Hundreds of Italian dead were left behind when, after strong artillery preparation, Greek infantry again attacked early on Monday morning in the central area of the Albanian front, states the Greek Press Ministry.

Guns, ammunition, automatic arms and machine-guns were captured as well as 300 Italian prisoners, including a number of officers.

**Determined Defence**  
The Italians put up a determined defence, making desperate efforts to check the furious Greek onslaught, but their efforts were of no avail.

The enemy's strongest positions, one of them on a peak nearly 6,000 feet high, were captured by the Greek forces and the Italians were put to flight after suffering very severe losses.

Greek detachments gave chase and the Italians' flight was so precipitate that they left many dead and wounded on the battle-field.

**R.A.F. Support**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. is continuing its support of the Greek army by smashing attacks on Italian forces in Albania.

Yesterday the R.A.F. raided motor

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## Nazi News Chief Faces U.S. Trial

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A Federal Grand Jury has indicted the German news agency, "Trans-Ocean," its manager, Manfred Zapp, and another employee, named Tonn, for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Law.

Zapp and Tonn have been arrested. The indictment alleged that "Trans-Ocean" established a branch agency in the United States in October, 1938, to further the interests of the German Government and the Nazi Party, but failed to register with the State Department as the agent of a foreign principal.

The indictment also alleged that Tonn, as "Trans-Ocean's" publicity agent, had failed to register.

# ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE LEND AND LEASE BILL: AID FOR BRITAIN PLAN

WASHINGTON, MAR. 11 (UP).—THE HOUSE TO-DAY PASSED, AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS SIGNED, THE LEND AND LEASE BILL.

DURING A CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECIDED TO ASK FOR SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS CASH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING THE OTHER DEMOCRACIES UNDER THE LEND AND LEASE PROGRAMME.

Some well informed Congressional circles understood that the Administration has prepared a list of war materials which will be transferred to Britain immediately after approval of the Lend and Lease Bill. Although the nature of the materials has not yet been revealed, most informed quarters believe they will include motor torpedo boats and aircraft, and perhaps some destroyers and guns. The Bill authorised the President to immediately transfer up to \$1,300,000,000 worth of materials now existing in army and navy stocks. Anything beyond this amount must be provided with Congressional appropriations.

It is understood that one high ranking Committeeman of the House Foreign Relations Committee has submitted to President Roosevelt a private tabulation of war materials which this Congressman feels could be transferred immediately including 35 destroyers.

## BIG ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

New Encampment Captured

Special to the "Telegraph"

CAIRO, Mar. 11 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters' communique states that Imperial forces in Abyssinia have captured Afodu encampment and are now advancing towards Asosa.

"In Italian Somaliland the advance in Abyssinia is developing satisfactorily. Many hundred additional prisoners have been taken, including a Brigade Commander, the Resident Commissioner and their staffs."

The Italians retreating from Afodu abandoned four tanks and a quantity of other equipment including an armoured car.

"Further east, patriotic forces have captured the town of Dambacha and are continuing the pursuit of the Italian columns who are retreating towards Debra Markos. Two guns and large quantities of other materials were captured."

There is nothing important in Libya or Eritrea.

**Aircraft Break Ground**  
CAIRO, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers successfully attacked workshops on the Decimone Road near Telesina and the railway near Habi Mantel.

They also continue to give very active support to the British troops

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## Italians To Farm In Britain

Land Army Recruits

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners of war are to work on the land in Britain announced Mr. Tom Williams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, addressing Cheshire farmers at Chester to-day.

He stated that the Government had promised that between 2,000 and 3,000 would work on the land.

Their arrival would depend on the demand on British shipping but it was hoped that they would be available shortly.

**Supplementary Labour**  
Mr. Williams also revealed that supplementary labour schemes for agriculture were provided for the use of elementary and public schoolboys and women of the land army and friendly aliens—the latter including, subject to certain conditions, some aliens at present interned in the Isle of Man.

Mr. Williams added that the present shipping position was infinitely more desperate than 12 months ago and infinitely worse than 1914 to 1918.

**Nervous Nazis**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Lofoten Islands raid has only served to increase the considerable nervousness prevailing in German circles in Northern Norway, according to a Norwegian telegraph agency report.

This report states that at Tromsø and Harstad in particular, the occupation forces have been greatly alarmed by the presence of British warships in the neighbouring waters.

The Quistling newspapers, "Fritt Folk," states that "Svolvær, the centre of the Norwegian fishing industry, was shelled and devastated."

**Italian Transport Sunk**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A heavily laden Italian troop transport has been torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine.

This information was issued in an Admiralty communique which adds that in reporting this success, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet states that the transport was of the Sicilia Class of 9,646 tons.

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar. 11 (UP).—Work on the United States air and naval bases started to-day after the arrival of the survey ship Bodich with Marines and materials.

Rep. Edward Izac told the "United Press" that he had urged the President to "send the entire \$13,000,000,000 worth of materials to Britain to-morrow, if possible. He said we should transfer all the destroyers we can spare, as well as torpedo boats, private yachts and motor boats which the Government has requisitioned."

**Hitler Has Lost War**  
There are enormous numbers of these now available and they are excellent for anti-submarine work and convoy duty.

Mr. Izac was of the opinion that approval of the bill would exert "a tremendous morale effect on the Democracies and the Axis."

"If Mister Hitler is as realistic as he is supposed to be, he must realize that Germany has now lost the war," he said. "When and if Germany is able to overrun Turkey and reach the Suez, 'seapower' will ultimately prevail."

**Fleet of Boats, Food**  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives this afternoon passed the Aid to Britain Bill, which now goes to the White House for the President's Signature.

Congressmen who saw President Roosevelt this morning are reported to have stated that a fleet of mosquito boats will be despatched to Britain immediately, probably this week and, that food, particularly pork, cheese and possibly wheat, may be sent soon.

President Roosevelt disclosed his intention to ask Congress for a huge appropriation at the morning conference.

**Cash Appropriation**  
Senator Caster Glass stated afterwards that the President would recommend this appropriation which would be all cash to permit of the purchase of all articles authorized by the Bill.

At the conclusion of the financial conference, President Roosevelt called another conference to discuss administrative plans for handling the British Aid programme.

Colonel Henry L. Stimson, Secretary for War, and the Army and Navy Chiefs were invited to attend.

**Historic Words**  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has signed the Lend and Lease Bill.

These historic words were uttered by Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the TURN to Back Page, Column 4

**LATEST**

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## Queen With The Shelterers

Daily their majesties the King and Queen identify themselves with the trials and sufferings of their people caused by the attacks of the Nazi Luftwaffe. When this picture was taken their majesties were inspecting an air raid shelter in London, and here the Queen is chatting to some children in their shelter bunks.



## Matsuoka To Discuss Military Questions

During Visit To Berlin, Rome

Special to the "Telegraph"

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (UP).—German authorised quarters, commenting on the official Tokyo announcement that Mr. Matsuoka is going to Berlin said that it was "significant" that he was making the trip simultaneously with the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill. They added that it could be assumed that military questions would also be discussed.

Authorised quarters asserted that Mr. Matsuoka will probably arrive within a fortnight but that the length of his stay in Berlin is not yet certain. It is not known whether or not Count Ciano will go to Berlin to participate in the discussions. They said, however, that Mr. Matsuoka is not going to Vichy.

They declared: "It is symptomatic and significant that the trip occurs at the same time as the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill. Things that are to be discussed will be actualities including, obviously, a number of military questions."

"It is interesting to recall in this connection the principles of the tripartite pact—the creation of order in its own area; secondly, no interference in foreign areas; thirdly,

toleration but no interference by other Powers in our own areas; and, fourthly, the prevention of an extension of the war. It can be assumed that these will be the principles under which the discussion will be held."

**Rome Reaction**  
ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Signor Gayda writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" regarding the forthcoming trip of Mr. Matsuoka to Rome and Berlin said: "The importance of Mr. Matsuoka's trip is indicated by the fact that this is the first time since the peace of Portsmouth over 35 years ago that a Japanese Foreign Minister has come to Europe."

"But more concretely important is the historic moment which Europe and Asia are undergoing in connection with the tripartite pact which other nations may soon join in."

"Mr. Matsuoka is a man of the tripartite pact, and as such, is one of the men who will determine the future of the world."

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## Ex-King Alfonso's Body Remains Buried in Rome

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mystery regarding the whereabouts of ex-King Alfonso's body which, according to some reports, was secretly entombed for Spain, was cleared up to-day when the Rector of the Spanish Monastery Church in Rome, Mons. Honorato Ribas affirmed that the remains are still in Rome in his keeping.

The Rector told the "United Press" to-day: "The burial of Alfonso and the sealing of the tomb were duly witnessed. Obviously nobody would be able to remove the body without my knowledge and I can assure you it has not been done."

He explained that he and the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Senor Yanguas, are custodians of the body.

Plainclothesmen are constantly on guard at the tomb. Spanish Monarchist quarters declared that the spreading of reports that the body had been secretly taken to Spain to avoid demonstrations could be attributed to foreign propaganda, which aims to discredit the unity of Spain.





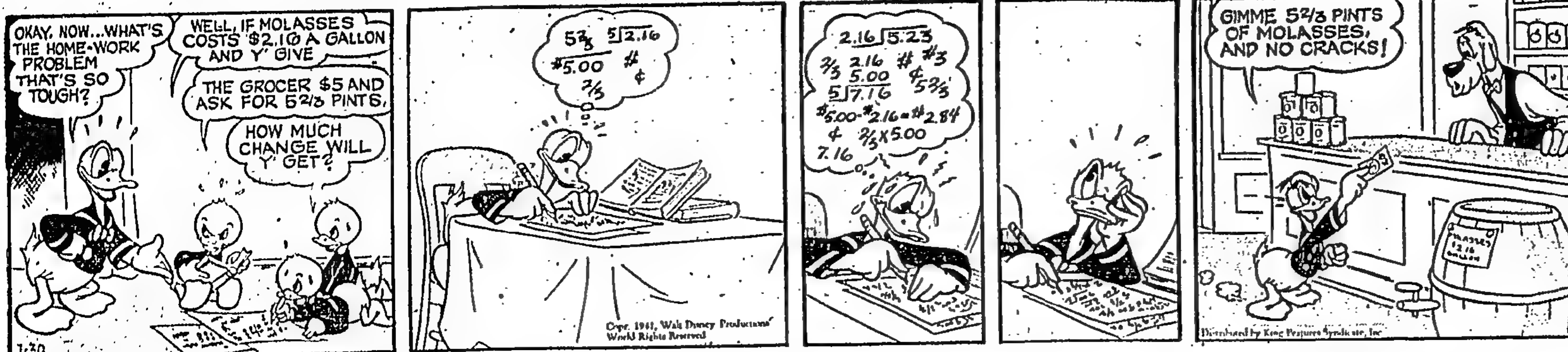


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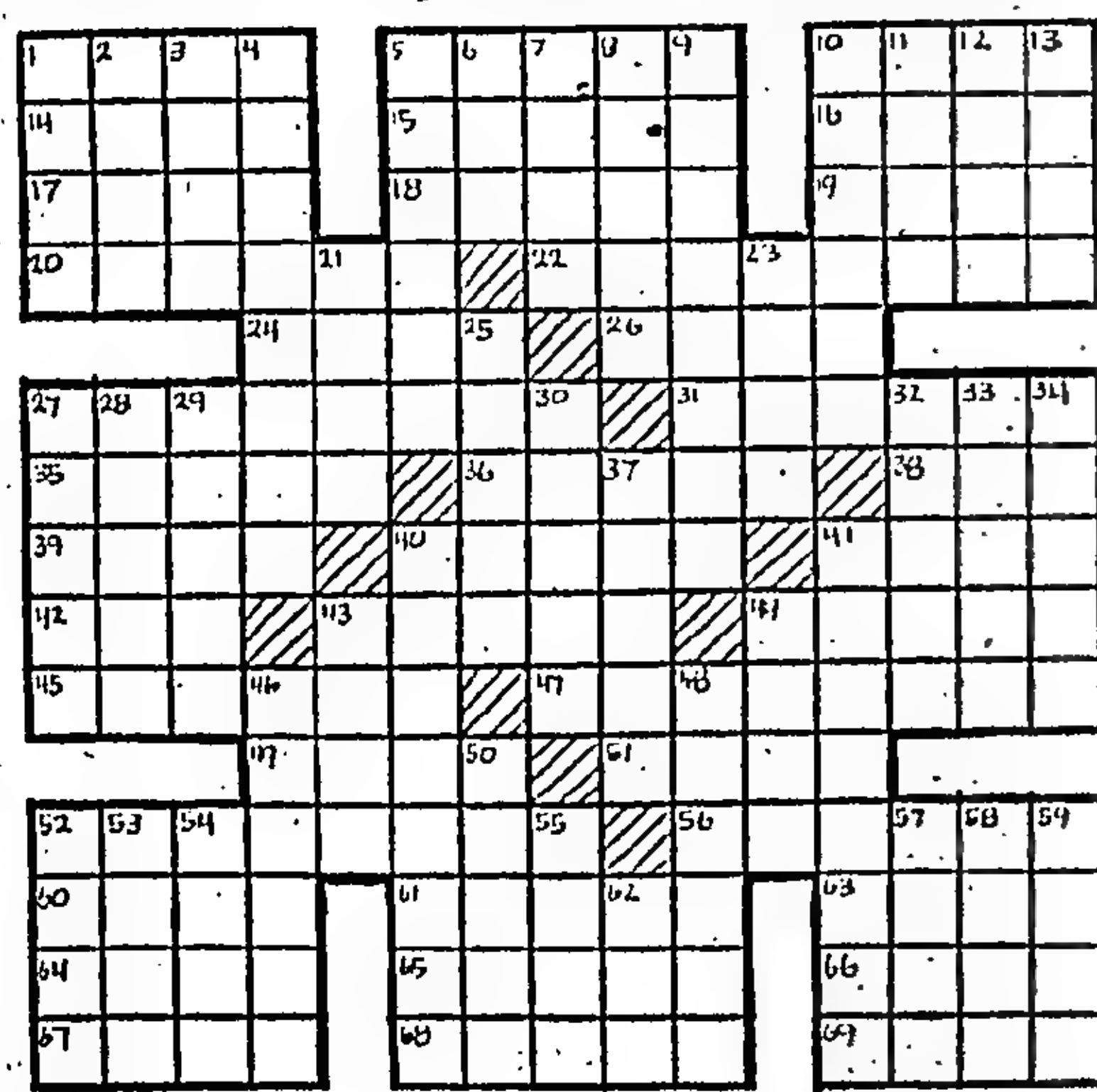
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### A UNITED FRONT

WITH Germany's occupation of Bulgaria and the massing of her troops on the Grecian front the full significance of British victories in Africa becomes more apparent. The Axis, in their eagerness to seize what they could while they could, have definitely overreached themselves. As a result Italy is no longer an entity to be feared while Hitler is forced to do what he has always tried to avoid doing—stage a war on two fronts. Even should he prove successful in overrunning Greece and the odds are he will not be, it would be at a tremendous cost of men and materials. It is not known whether Mussolini started his Grecian adventure with the approval of Hitler, but in any case the result has been a distinct and deadly blow to Axis prestige and may well prove to be the deciding factor in the war.

The campaign in Africa is not yet ended, but with the collapse of Libya and Italian Somaliland, Italian resistance is no longer effective. The speed with which the Italian forces have been annihilated and driven in full retreat from post to post in East Africa, is entirely due to the outstanding strategy of General Cunningham and to the valour, discipline and endurance of the forces under him. The African campaign is an instance of the solidarity of the British Empire, a fact which Hitler, according to reliable sources, always refused to admit, probably because one of his mentally could not conceive of such unity without force. South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders fought side by side with Indian and British troops. The entire campaign will become a classic example of what can be achieved by people in spite of varying political opinions, when motivated by one common desire.

The future welfare of the world now lies to a large extent in the hands of those countries included in the Commonwealth of Nations. During the last world war the same forces came into play, but more as supporting units and not as now self-supporting armies—prepared to share the responsibility and pay the price. India too has played a more definite role than ever before. This fact does not in any way minimise the valour of the Indian troops who in 1914-1918 fought so gallantly, but it is undoubtedly true that to-day India is taking her place in the British community of nations in a way which can never be forgotten.

Every dispatch from the battle front has contained reference to the Indian troops, either in regard to their powers of endurance under great strain or to their coolness under fire and to their initiative. A telegram recently received gave a list of heroic deeds by individual Indian soldiers,

IN Kipling's "Light That Failed" the correspondent of a Great Daily fifty years ago prophesies continually "Trouble in the Balkans Next Spring."

Even then, the Balkans were notorious as the powder magazine of Europe, and though that unhappy continent has now itself become one vast high-explosive dump its detonating point eastward, from Moscow to the Persian Gulf, is still—the Balkans.

Under that collective name we should count five small States: Hungary, on the middle Danube, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece. To these we must add Turkey, on the extreme south-east of the land (and water) of Europe, and dominating in Asia Minor the gateway to the continent of Asia.

Individually, the five have been, and must always be, helpless against the pressure of Germany or Russia (to say nothing of those two Powers). They were even helpless—it had been assumed—against Italy alone.

United, and backed by a peace-loving Turkey, they could have opposed to any of the Big Three a resistance formidable enough to give pause to the most ruthless aggressor.

### Rival Policies

Great Britain and France, real friends—and not the less real because they were themselves interested in the maintenance of peace everywhere—had for years been urging upon them some such understanding.

The Axis, concerned only to keep them divided and weak, had viciously opposed the idea, and had sapped it by every weapon in their arsenal of bribery, cajolery and blackmail.

So when, after the first three months of the war, the common danger seemed to be drawing all six together, few were surprised by a menace, megaphoned from Rome on December 16, 1939, that "Italy did not consider that the constitution of a bloc of any kind could be profitable to the countries of the Danubian and Balkan regions."

Naturally! The collapse of France, co-guarantor with Great Britain of Rumania, finally overthrew the crazy, unstable Balkan equilibrium.

Russia seized not only Bessarabia but Bukovina, Bulgaria regained (not undeservedly and with British approval) Southern Dobruja.

And a Nazi Diktat sliced away

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## RIDDLES OF 1941

## What Next In The Balkans?

by Sir Ronald Storrs

Giant Pincers upon Egypt, and the Suez Canal. Thus had the scene been staged.

But the gambler's luck had turned, and the cards began to run, always more heavily, against him. He began to run himself—out of invaded Greece, and seaward from violated Albania, while the remnant of his navy ran northwards out of Taranto, and his diminished Libyan Army westward out of Egypt.

He has secured the Aegean air and sea bases—for Great Britain; who, but for his flaunting of Greece's honourable neutrality, would never have occupied them.

Once more, in her three millenniums of history, Greece, by overthrowing the calculations of bullies and of tyrants has heartened and inspired the civilised world.

In Yugoslavia, despite certain Axis sympathies among politicians and Croats, the Serbian people and the fine Army would resist encroachment by every means in their power.

**Bulgaria?** In Bulgaria, on the other hand, it is the Army, with a few Ministers and ex-Ministers, that is pro-German.

The Bulgars as a nation are still faithful to Russia as the historic protector (against Germanism) of the Slavs, but they are not therefore necessarily Communistic—even though "Uncle Ivan has dyed his beard Red."

The Army is urged from without (and urging within) that now is the time to strike at Greece, "redeem" Bulgarian Macedonia, and force a Bulgarian corridor down to the Aegean—along which it is easy to imagine whose would be the first troops to be carried.

Against such intrigues, the steadfast prudence of King Boris and some of his elder statesmen has had to pass through difficult moments.

Both he, and they, remember only too well the fierce curtailments twice endured by Bulgaria through King Ferdinand's too wide opening of his mouth in 1912, and, under German influence, in 1915.

He has recovered the Dobruja, and would be well content to reserve

other claims for the general adjustment of the Peace.

### Alert Turkey

It is, therefore, of prime interest and significance to learn that on December 27 the Foreign Minister, M. Filoff, not only rejected the proposal of the Fascist ex-Prime Minister that Bulgaria should officially join the Axis, but expressed the "desire of the Bulgarian Parliament for the country to remain absolutely neutral, and to develop friendly relations with all Powers."

This neutrality, which could hardly have been thus reaffirmed without the tacit approval of Russia, was (amusingly) signified by Nazi spokesmen as "inconsistent with the spirit of the New Order in Europe."

The wisdom of the Bulgarian Cabinet has been assisted by the watchful alertness of their potent Eastern neighbour. Turkey—a well-wisher.

And over-adventurous "Bulgar forwards" are well aware that they are being "marked" by a well-trained team, ready and able to take the game under control on the first sign of its getting out of hand.

In addition to the forts and other defences of the Dardanelles, Turkey has three strongly protected European lines: Adrianople—Kirk Kilisse (a continuation of the Greek system), Bulair and Chatalja.

On all of these her strength grows daily.

### So What?

Turkey's own rear is secured by pacts with Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan, fellow Moslem States which have not yet shown any tendency to substitute Hitler for Allah.

Any one of three events may bring Turkey into the war during 1941:—An attack upon herself by any Power.

An attack upon Greece by Bulgaria.

An attack by any Axis interest upon Turkey's southern neighbour, Syria, which she does not covet for herself, but where she would not tolerate Axis occupation.

Though Mussolini has let Hitler down, Hitler cannot afford to let Mussolini down any longer, or he may let him out of the war altogether—and have reason to remember the story of how Mr Hore Belisha, on his last visit to Rome, presented his host with a couple of British beacons—to help him over his double-crossing.

Hitler must strike again, and soon. But where and how?

Africa would be most welcome to his ally but, across a British Mediterranean, is, save by air, least practical.

German bombers and fighters have reached Italy: most probably for use against the British Navy. But is that enough to stop the Italian rot?

Hitler would prefer to strike Greece down through the Balkans now, before she has had time to storm Valona and drive the Italians into the sea.

But this immediate offensive, unless he can terrorise the Yugoslavs or Bulgars into allowing his troops passage, would not only upset his Balkan supply system, it would involve war on a second front, and that under conditions as unfavourable to mechanised troops as were the icy mountain passes of Albania.

True, there is said to be an advance German G.H.Q. in Rumania within a few miles of the Yugoslavian frontier, and King Boris is once more enduring the turn of the screw.

True, that although a spring campaign would suit him far better, and a winter assault should therefore be less probable for that very reason it should not be absolutely ruled out.

### On Guard

Nevertheless, it is more likely that the Goebbels' alarms and excursions of Nazi troop-trains rushing through Hungary, and of troopships steaming down the Adriatic, are projected off-stage by that maestro to edge Balkan nerves—and to ease British nerves, away from the real invasion, which is planned not from the south-eastern end of Europe, but from the north-west.

So that to-day we should look, not so much to the Balkans, as to our own guard, our guns, and our gsmasks.

[Editor's Note:—Since this article was written, the Bulgarian Government has declared its adherence to the Axis, and German troops are now reported to be massed on the borders of Greece. The position of Yugoslavia has not changed.]

## TO-MORROW

## What Next In

## The Air War?

an interview with  
**SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR**  
(Minister for Air)

## Hannen Swaffer:

"THE Aussies are the finest fighting troops on earth." It may, or may not, be true—but, anyway, the phrase is once again being used because of their exploits in Libya.

Then why is it that our home-grown Army has imposed on its ranks discipline to which no Australian soldier would submit?

AMONG the Aussies, officers and men fraternise freely. They drink together. Saluting is reduced to a minimum.

Yet, in some English towns, you read shop notices: "Only officers and members of the public served." A private cannot buy anything in these sacred stores!

Moreover, many hotels are barred to all but the commissioned ranks. And, everywhere, the monotony of saluting, saluting, saluting, goes on.

I WALKED, the other day, down the Strand, behind a British officer.

which will be handed down in the records of this war as outstanding examples of heroism and devotion. Over and above these spontaneous acts of bravery, the Indian troops have shown themselves to be possessors of one of the most valuable qualities of which human beings are capable—reliability. This characteristic alone has inspired confidence wherever they have been sent and means that to-day they are assuming as much responsibility for the successful outcome of the war as any other unit of the Allied forces now fighting aggression and domination.

Every private and every aircraftman saluted as he passed. Each time, the poor blinking officer had to acknowledge it.

Yet not one Commonwealth private from overseas took the slightest notice!

Who, I wondered, were the inferior soldiers?

THE rigidity of the rule is worse for officers than for the men. In London, it is such a curse that men holding commissions frequently rush into civvies when on leave in order to escape the necessity of having to acknowledge a salute every dozen yards.

You can't tell me that constant saluting wins wars. It perpetuates the caste system and it's out of date in an age when some of the privates are better educated than most of the officers.

I HEARD recently of an incident on a South Wales railway station.

A young lieutenant, seeing two privates, shouted at them: "Here, you men, put my baggage on the train!"

The officer was the son of a local publican in whose pub the men were in the habit of drinking. A few weeks before, they called him by his Christian name. But now, he was an officer.

I HEAR, too, of over-punishment. Twenty-seven men, making trouble, have written to an M.P., all signing their names, complaining that they had been sentenced to 28 days C.I. without pay for overstaying their leave by one day to which they all understood they were entitled.

I do not think David Margesson is exactly the sort of man who would humanise the Army.

THEN, although Aneurin Bevan recently wrung from the Secretary of War the admission that a soldier was allowed to communicate with his M.P., he assures me that while letters addressed to Members of Parliament by soldiers are not opened before they leave the camps, the replies, if arriving in envelopes bearing the "House of Commons" imprimatur, are often opened and inspected before they reach the men to whom they are addressed!

And, in some camps and barracks, officers still tell the men that they must not write to M.P.s.

Officially, soldiers have certain citizen rights. Officially, in spite of that, they are told they have none.

I HEAR, too, of a young craftsman in the Tank Corps who, unused to military life, wrote a long letter to his colonel, telling him what he thought was wrong with the Army!

He told him, for one thing, that the men should have explained to them the reason for all sorts of orders. These they resented, because they could not understand why they were given.

Fortunately for this young soldier, his colonel had a sense of humour. He sent for him and, twinkling, said: "Yours was a most interesting and revealing document. Because of it, we may find it necessary to alter the Army regulations. But, next time, you must write to your captain."

"But then you might not get it, sir," replied the man.

"Oh, I'll have this letter typed out," said the colonel, hiding a smile. "Then I can memorise it."





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## Cession of Territories By France to Thailand

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Mar. 11 (Domei).—Upon receipt of reports that the terms of mediation in the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute were formally signed at Tokyo, the Thai Government immediately made a public announcement confirming the satisfactory settlement of the Tokyo conference, while the Premier, Mr Luang Bipul Songgram proclaimed over the radio the restoration of the lost territories.

In order to administer the territories ceded by France, an Indo-China board will be created in the Ministry of Interior.

Meanwhile, there are indications that the tendency of nationalism in Thailand has been further accelerated by the recovery of the "lost territories" from France, it being publicly urged that a great Thailand could be built up in co-operation with Japan. This trend of public feelings in the country is expected to contribute much towards the future relations between Japan and Thailand.

## Archbishop Of Cologne Dies

Was Known To Tommies  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Cardinal Karl Josef Schulte, Archbishop of Cologne, died on Monday night, aged 69, says the Swiss radio.

Cardinal Schulte, who was well-known to the troops of the British Army at the Oise and the Rhine after the Great War, was associated with the German hierarchy in condemnation of the Nazi sterilisation law.

He was prominent during the last war in alleviating the lot of British and French prisoners of war in Germany.

## INDIA LOOKS AFTER SAILORS

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Council of State has passed a resolution similar to that passed in the Assembly, recommending the establishment of a scheme to provide for the payment of central revenues, of compensation in respect of war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed in the seagoing services on ships registered in British India.

**Supply Council**  
NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—With the arrival of the South African and Australian delegates, work on the Eastern Group Supply Council is expected to get under way in the near future.

## Japanese Army

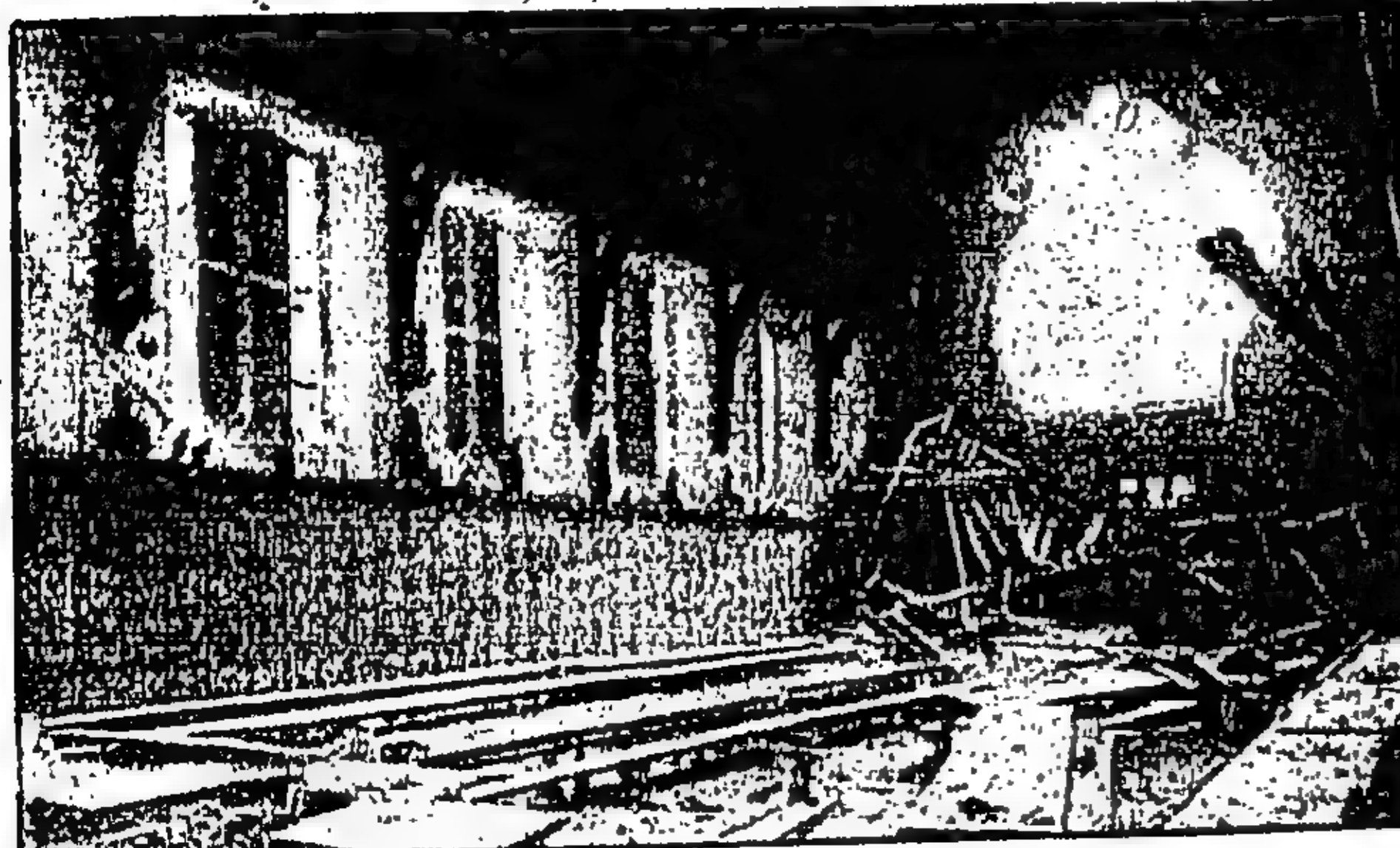
CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—"Japan has 52 divisions under arms, of which 37 are stationed in China, nine in Manchuria and six in Japan, Korea and Formosa," stated a Chinese Military Council spokesman today in reviewing Japanese military concentrations.

"It is estimated that Japan can use seven or eight divisions for the southward push, with Singapore as the main objective."

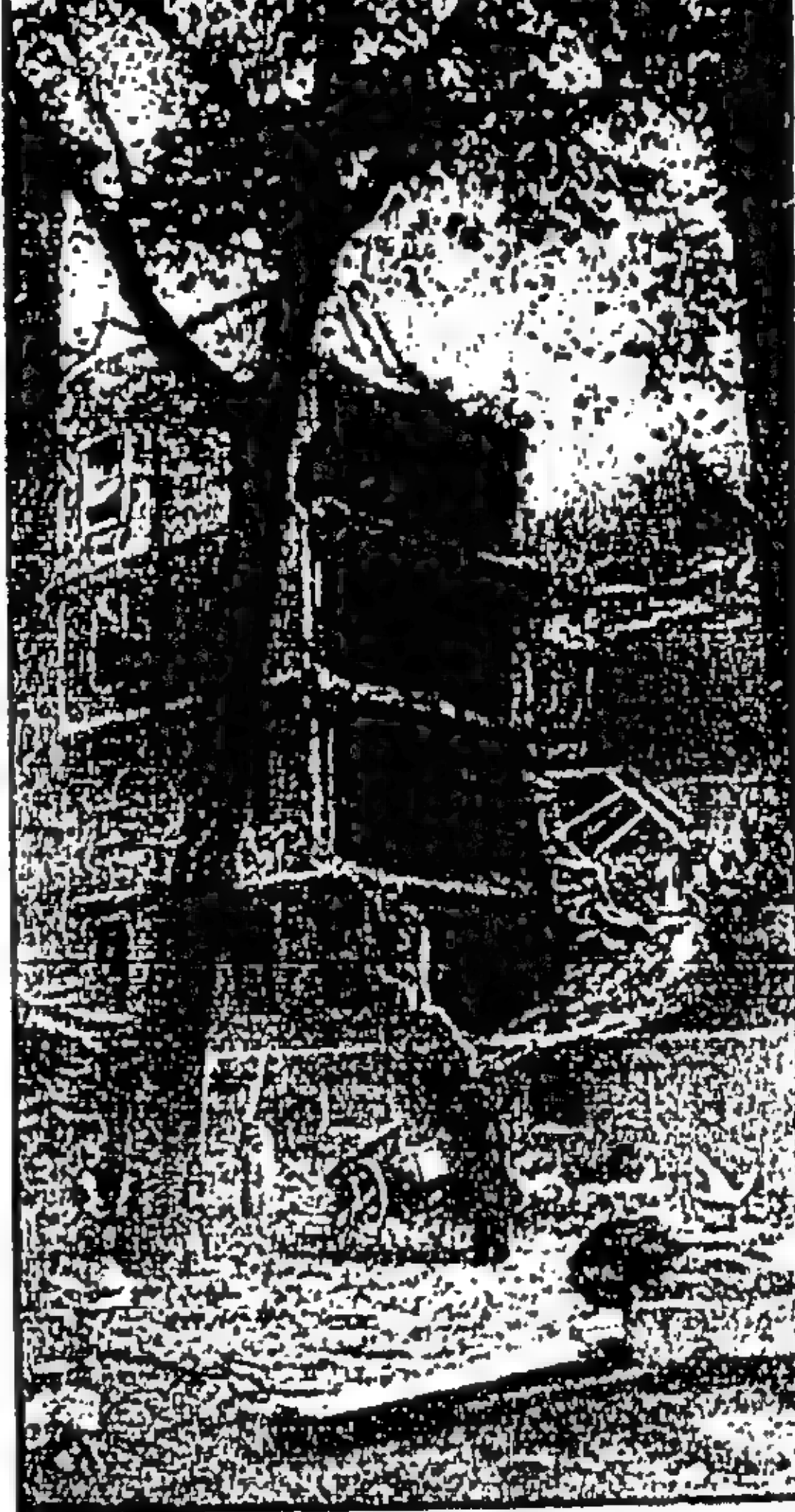


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Middle Temple Hall, Middle Temple, where Shakespeare acted in one of his plays, was recently damaged by a bomb. The huge hole shown in the picture above was made in the wall of the hall above the Musicians Gallery, which was wrecked. On the right is a view of Pump Court, Middle Temple, which also received a direct hit.



## VICHY—LONDON DISCORD

### Hitler's Venom

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Admiral Darlan's threat to "convoy French merchantships" is "not a possibility but a certainty," alleged the German-controlled Paris radio today.

The announcer stated: "A number of articles in the Paris press are in favour of this action." In well-informed quarters in London, it was pointed out to-night that this latest example of German propaganda lends support to the view that the Germans are anxious to see a clash between the French and British fleets as soon as possible.

**Berlin Agreement**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Arrangements for the supply of raw materials from Germany for French industry were concluded by a representative of the French iron and steel industry during a six-day visit to Berlin, from which he has just returned to Paris, stated the Lyons radio to-night.

## Warning To Mariners

### Singapore Harbour

A notice to mariners issued by the Harbour Department this morning states that the eastern approach to Singapore Harbour and Roads will be closed to shipping by mines on and after March 3, 1941.

Vessels entering the dangerous area do so at their own risk and peril. The position is given as lat. 01 degrees 18' N, long. 103 degrees 53' E. (approx).

The dangerous area is enclosed by the following lines:—  
On the West—from the White Obelisk on Pulo Tembakul (Peak Island) in a direction 008 degrees (true) to Outer Shoal Beacon; thence 043 degrees (true) to Siglap Obelisk.

On the North—by the coast of Singapore Island.  
On the South and East—from the White Obelisk on Pulo Tembakul (Peak Island) in a direction 151 degrees (true) to a distance of seven cables; thence 004 degrees (true) for a distance of 2.0 miles; thence 040 degrees (true) for a distance of 4.0 miles; thence 360 degrees (true) to the coast of Singapore Island.

In order to facilitate the passage of small craft the channel between East and West St. John's Islands is left open until further notice. Red spherical buoys have been laid in the following positions:—  
(1) 124 cables 238 degrees from the light on Pulo Sakijang Polepah (East St. John Island).  
(2) 245 cables 300 degrees from the occulting green light in Fairburn Channel.

**Johnson-Gauss**  
**Rumours**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State today disclaimed all knowledge of rumours which are being circulated here that the transfer of Ambassador Nelson Johnson and Minister Clarence Gauss will be delayed. Mr Hull said he had never heard such a report.

According to the rumour, Ambassador Johnson would remain in China at least 60 days which is regarded as the period when Germany will most likely attempt an invasion of England and thus create a critical period also in the Far East.

## Ship Downs Plane

LONDON, Mar. 11 (British Wireless).—An Admiralty communiqué states: "A night-raiding bomber has been engaged and destroyed by one of H.M. ships. A direct hit was made on the German aircraft, a JU 88, by H.M. destroyer Holderness. The bomber was blown to pieces in the air and there were no survivors. No casualty or damage was sustained by the Holderness."

## Shaw Speaks In Film Of His Play

Early in 1939 George Bernard Shaw agreed to let a film be made of "Major Barbara," his story of a munitions maker's daughter who learned about life and capitalism in the Salvation Army.

War bent the scenario into existence by a month and "Major Barbara" was produced under fire.

Shaw has prepared a new introduction to the play, which he personally delivers in the film. This is what he says:—

**Mr Shaw Speaking:**

"Citizens of the United States, the whole 130,000,000 of you, Mr Shaw will say to all who see his film. 'I am sending you my old plays, just as you are sending us your old destroyers.'"

"Our Government has very kindly thrown in a few naval bases as well. Makes the bargain more welcome to you."

"Now the German humorist—I think his name is Dr Goebbels—has got a great deal of innocent fun out of that. He tells us... that England has sold her colonies for scrap iron."

"And why shouldn't we? We are in very great want of scrap iron. We are collecting scrap iron from door to door. Our women are bringing in their old saucepans; our men are bringing out their old bicycles. And you, with equal devotion, are bringing out your old destroyers."

"And now, what about our colonies? 'Our colonies are always much the better when we have plenty of Americans visiting them. When we think of our English colonies with American garrisons in them, we are delighted.'"

"You see, if you would like a few more, say in the Isle of Wight, or in the Isle of Man, or on the west coast of Ireland—well, we should be only too glad to welcome you. Delighted!"

## 'My Number Is Up'

"Now here I am in an English county, one of those counties that we call the Home Counties. I am within 40 minutes' drive of the centre of London, and at any moment a bomb may crash through this roof and blow me to atoms...."

"Now, please understand—I cannot promise you such a delightful finish to this news item. Still, it may happen, so don't give up hope yet. 'If it does happen, well, it will not make very much to me. As you see (a wide, whimsical gesture) I am in my 85th year. I have shot my bolt. I have done my work. War or no war my number is up.... But if my films are still being shown in America, my soul will go marching on, and that will satisfy me.'"

**Shaw And Goldwyn**

Until a season or so ago, G. B. S. would never countenance the idea of letting his plays be filmed. When Sam Goldwyn tried to induce him to change his mind, arguing that Mr Shaw owed this courtesy to posterity, the playwright had a perfectly confounding answer for him. "The trouble with you, Mr Goldwyn," he said, "is that you are interested only in art, while I am interested only in money."

Gabriel Pascal, who produced G. B. S.'s first movie, "Pygmalion," is also the producer of "Major Barbara."

## Sino-Indian Culture

CALCUTTA, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Accepting a donation of £750 from Tai Chi-tao, President of the Examination Yuan of the Chinese Republic, Dr Rahindranath Tagore's Visvabharati University has apportioned part of this sum to erecting the Sino-Indian Cultural Society.

## Murder In Society

### Erroll Death Probe

NAIROBI, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—Sir Delva Broughton, Bt, 53, was today formally charged with the murder of Lord Erroll, 39, who was found dead towards the end of January.

No evidence was called and the case was adjourned to March 19. When Lord Erroll's death was announced, it was reported to be due to a motor accident, but at the inquest the Senior Government Pathologist stated that two shots had been fired at Lord Erroll who dodged the first but received a fatal injury from the second.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

### Industrials Lower

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day was dull in the absence of constructive factors but there was no selling pressure and the undertone was steady.

There was some profit-taking on gilt-edged securities and also on Indian bonds, while industrials tended to be lower. Home rails and oils were irregular and Kafirs were quiet pending tomorrow's Union Budget.

Egyptian bonds were unified and advanced slightly. Wall Street was firm.

## Immigration Office Inspected

Members of the Immigration Office Inquiry Commission this morning carried out a thorough inspection of the Immigration Department offices in Marina House.

The entire Commission attended, including the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Mr C. B. Brown, Mr L. Drummond, Mr H. K. Woo and the Secretary, Mr K. M. A. Barnett. They were greeted by Mr E. A. von Kobza-Nagy, the General Agent, and Mr Walter Hamming Chen, chief of the Chinese assistants.

The Commission spent nearly an hour inspecting the offices. They stayed for 40 minutes in the shoof department where they examined the books.

Afterwards the Commission left to inspect the passport office in Connaught Road Central.

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# Around The Courses

## Generous Gesture By Macao G.C. Stars For 1940/41 Season

### Portuguese Course Thrown Open To Country Club Members

(By "Birdie")

**FORGING A TIE** between the two Colonies that to many golfers should be of great benefit, the Macao Golf Club—correctly, the Tennis Civil Golf Section—recently made a most generous gesture in extending the facilities of their course to members of the Country Club, Shuangshui.

Needless to say, the Country Club spontaneously reciprocated so that members of either Club are now able to make week-end golf trips between the two Colonies.

The Portuguese course is a most recent acquisition and is open to improvement, but in the general lay-out two members of the Country Club—Mr F. E. D'Almada Remedios and Mr A. A. Lopes—had a share.

The Macao Club's invitation is in appreciation of the advice of these two players. Apart from that, however, the gesture has a fraternal tone that is ever desirable between Clubs no matter what their sporting activities.

In this, as regards Golf, Kowloon and Happy Valley have been in happy association for quite some time, and now the Country Club has commenced a series of matches with Kowloon, too.

Incidentally, I mentioned last week that the return match between the latter two Clubs had been fixed for March 29—this was a slight error in date. The match will be played at Shuangshui on Sunday, March 30.

**GIVE** a child a club and ask him to swing at a ball and he will take hold in the reverse manner. That is, with the left hand below the right. This, if he is right-handed, gives him control with the right. But the orthodox grip for a right-hander is to have the right hand below the left, and for this the grip has to be cultivated and learned.

But there does, I suppose, come a time when one meets with a player, who, perhaps from youth, has swung a club with the so-called "natural" grip and who still retains it. I met one such golfer on the Kowloon course a few weeks ago. I have read quite some books on the game, but I have never come across mention of this grip. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when I saw this player swing easily and correctly to knock the ball some 180 yards with a No. 5 iron. This was off an elevated tee.

It is thus that a left-handed player could play with right-handed clubs!

**A FRIEND** told me recently that he had read in a paper that the Home authorities were thinking of adopting the American ball. The difference between the two, I believe, is that the standard R. & A. ball should not be less than 1.62 inches in diameter and not greater than 1.62 ounces in weight, while the American ball is 1.65 inches in diameter. I don't know anything about the weight, but I am given to understand the latter is lighter.

There aren't any American balls for sale in Hongkong, but one was in use a little while ago, and the player, who was a visitor from the Philippines, was most emphatic about the shorter length of the American make.

The larger the ball, of course, the greater the wind resistance, and, therefore, the less would be the distance from the club. And the lighter the ball, the smaller the distance still.

If there are experiments going on to limit the length of drives, then the Americans are on the right track.

**MEMBERS** of the Country Club are reminded that the coming Sunday will be for the second round matches of the Mixed Foursomes. Every effort should be made to play off these matches, as with the rain and Volunteer Camps there has been some hold-up in other competitions, and it is desired to complete all tournaments before the annual President v. Captain match on April 6.

**GOLF** links around the London area are suffering from Hitler's "blitz". Most of them are pitted with craters, and Sandridge Park leads with a total of 68, of which 20 were created in one night! Eighteen are on the fairways, but the greens have, as yet, escaped unscathed.

### ARMY LEAGUE SNOOKER STANDINGS

Following are the results of the Garrison snooker matches played on Monday:

R. A. Sergeants (Stanley) drew with Signals Corporals, 3-3;  
R. E. A. drew with Signals A 3-3;  
R. E. Sergeants beat Police, 4-2;  
R. A. M.C. beat R.A.P.C. 5-1.

LEAGUE STANDINGS	P	W	L	D	Pts
R.A.M.C.	11	6	1	4	44
R.E. Sergeants	11	7	2	2	42
R.A. Sergeants	11	5	1	5	37
C.M. Police	11	4	4	3	31
R.E. A.	11	4	4	3	31
R.A.P.C.	11	3	5	3	28
Signals Corporals	11	3	5	3	23
Signals A	11	3	5	3	23
Pie Whigors, R.A.M.C. scored 7 breaks of 20 against L/Sgt Chiswick, R.A.P.C. in the Silver Spoon Trophy match on Monday.					

### Home Soccer Fixtures For March 15

**LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—**The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, March 15:

**WAR CUP**  
Second Round, South

Cardiff v. Reading.

Second Round, North

Grimsby v. Barnsley; Leeds v. Middlesbrough.

Third Round, South

Leicester v. Mansfield; Queen's P.R. v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Arsenal.

Third Round, North

Everton v. Manchester C.; Preston N.E. v. Tranmere.

**LONDON CUP**

Aldershot v. Fulham.

**LEAGUE SOUTH**

Bournemouth v. Brighton; Portsmouth v. Southampton; Southend v. Watford; Luton v. Norwich.

**SOUTH REGIONAL**

Brentford v. Crystal Palace; Notts C. v. Notts P.; West Brom v. Stoke.

**NORTH REGIONAL**

Blackburn v. Burnley; Blackpool v. Bury; Bolton v. Chesterfield; Doncaster v. Halifax; Bradford v. Rochdale; Bradford C. v. Sheffield W.

**WEST REGIONAL**

Bath City v. Cardiff; Corinthians; Lovell's Athletic v. Acoermon; Swansea Town v. Bristol C.

**SCOTTISH CUP**

Airdrie v. Motherwell; Celtic v. Partick; Hamilton v. Albion; Morton v. St Mirren; Falkirk v. Dumbarton; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hearts v. Clyde; Queen's Park v. Hibernians.

**2nd Eleven**

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. second eleven in their League match against Kowloon C.C. on the latter's ground at Kowloon on Saturday.

F. Zimmerman (Capt.), T. Edgar, E. H. Esmail, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, M. C. Hume, A. K. Jannet, E. J. Mitchell, W. Wong Sling, C. Souza and J. L. Young Saye.

**37 Years With Hongkong F.C.**

At the Hongkong Football Club yesterday, the presentation of a silver cup and a cheque subscribed by members, was made to Ah Lam, No. 1 Boy, on his retirement after 37 years.

Mr H. R. B. Hancock, the oldest member, made the presentation at the invitation of Mr H. R. Forsyth, President.

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### LEE WAI-TONG IN ACTION



Lee Wai-tong (South China) with an anticipatory smile on his face as he goes for the ball. Chung Fai-lam (Kwong Wah's right back) seems about to get there first.—Sun Ying-ming Studio.

### Alice Marble Should Earn £10,000 In 5 Months

#### Mary Hardwick Forsakes Amateurs

**LONDON, Jan.—**On January 6 England lost one of its best girl players and America its most dominant personality since Helen Wills, when Mary Hardwick and Alice Marble made their professional tennis debuts at Madison Square Garden, New York.

#### R. A. Gerrard Promoted To Major of R.E.'s

**LONDON, Jan.—**R. A. Gerrard, Bath, Somerset and England rugby footballer, has been promoted to Major. He was a junior officer in a Territorial unit of the Royal Engineers when war broke out. He is still playing whenever duty permits, and his side, which includes several Bath players, has not yet been defeated.

Gerrard is a former Hongkong boy, and took an active part in athletics at the Diocesan Boys' School, from which School he went to Taunton.

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## Review Of Colony's Softball Stars For 1940/41 Season

### Poverty Of Pitchers: "All-Hongkong" Team

(By "Ball Fan")

**WITH THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL** close of yet another grand softball season, thoughts of the gashouse faithful naturally veer back to encompass the entire schedule, picking out at a glance the shining lights, the various incidents, and other highlights of the past winter.

New stars have been born to take a commanding position, while veterans have also continued in a blaze of glory. But no single team, no individual position has a vice grip on the array of the Colony's softball diamond this past season.

**THERE** are always brilliant catchers. You'll find them on practically every team.

This year's top-spot backstop-pling has found Mohawk Joe Morris, C.B.C.'s Nip Lum and Indian-ian Tarzan Ismail in a class supreme.

Each is a hustler, zipping the ball around to catch base runners. However, Flery Joe Morris appears to take the nod with his lightning throws across the infield. He's the ideal catcher, fast, full of fight, and commanding real confidence from his moundsmen.

#### Pitcher's Palm

**THE** hurling department has improved but slowly in comparison to other layouts.

Our slabsmen have yet to master the art of tricky, clean-cut, deceptive and speedy hurling.

Last season's ace Herbie Quon has faded considerably due to lack of that important thing known as confidence. Den Cray has mastered a real fast ball throw this year and appears to be just about the speediest hurler in the Colony at the present time, but as yet lacks control to become the pitching ace of the year.

Gerry Gosano, Rec man opened out to the fore this year, culminating in a masterful New Year's Day performance. We give this rough riding Rec the call as the outstanding slab topper of the year, a spot that has shown very little if any improvement, due to his consistency, a fair amount of speed, coolness, a 307 batting average and a fighting heart.

#### The "Hot Spot"

**THE** initial sack, a spot that demands power clouting as well as topsidehand fielding acies, brought St. Joseph's hefty Stan Leonard, Indian Clubber Romeo Hamet and Nick "my kingdom for a base" Beltrano, Rec slusher, to the fore; each of whom gave his respective team a first sacker with a sure pair of catching hands, a calm and cool forte when the going was toughest, holding down the bag in workmanlike manner.

Big boy Stan Leonard's clutch clubbing was an outstanding feature in the success of the Leonard-men and with this in mind the burly Saint gets the call.

#### Keystone Chair

**AT** second we find heavy hitting Baby Abbas and St. Joseph's promising rookie Arturo Ozorio in a desperate bid to uphold the honour of the keystone berth. Both cover well, can field them within a wide radius and are cool and collected in any pinch spot.

The "Baby" set a terrific hitting pace at the beginning of the season, coming through with many timely singles. The top chair is his, in our estimation.

#### Narrow Choice

**THE** hot corner found that brand baller Dave Leonard and Mohawk Lou Leight making it a two-way fight for all-recognition honours. The old barnburner himself is a virtual terror to opposing hurlers, fighting type of ballplayer with that "we must win" label marked in his every movement.

Dave appeals in a big way to the box office manager as one who can draw the crowds from far and near. He has rip-roaring style that packs the rabid fans in a frenzy, packs the colour glare and is an essential type of ballplayer in any league.

Handsome Lou Leight presents to us the refined type of player with real class in his actions; a ballplayer who has been brought up in surroundings where sportsmanship and "play the game for the game's sake" predominates above all.

It's real tough going to choose between these two different types of ball toppers but we give the nod to Dave Leonard because of his heavy clouting and steady fielding, which has kept St. Joseph's ballhawks right up on top.

#### Beckett Released

**JOE BECKETT**, former British heavyweight boxing champion, and his wife, who were detained under the Defence Regulations in June, have been released.

They were arrested in their home at Southampton.

#### Final Selections

The "Telegraph's" mythical All-Hongkong team of 1940-41:

Pitcher—Gerry Gosano, Recreio;

Den Cray, C.B.C.

Catcher—Joe Morris, H.K.B.C.

Mohawks.

1st base—Stan Leonard, St. Joseph's.

2nd base—Baby Abbas, Indians.

3rd base—Dave Leonard, St. Joseph's.

Shortstop—Pete Fitch, H.K.B.C.

Mohawks.

Left Field—Joey Schaberg, H.K.B.C. Mohawks.

Centre Field—Eddie Gosano, Recreio.

Right Field—Savage Hassan, Indians.

Manager—Abe Liu, C.B.C.

came in for press comment frequently with dazzling displays.

However Mohawk Pete Fitch is the ideal type of ballplayer, a manager's dream, a mirage in the desert, one who has everything.

His sizzling throws across the diamond have been a treat to watch, he covers a maximum amount of ground, is a big powerful clutch slugger at the plate and a steady influence, as well as a guiding example to his teammates. Yes, we take our hats off to Pete Fitch as the outstanding shortstop of the year in Hongkong.

#### Varied Selection

**IN** the outfield we had a varied selection from which to choose. Speed and quick anticipation has been the keynote of successful fly-shaggers. Outfielders are required to be powerful hitters, must possess agility and above all must harbour fearless traits.

Eddie and Zinho Gosano, rough riding Recs, Joey Schaberg, Mohawk threat, Savage Hassan and A. K. Omar, Indians. Showboat Ali St. Joseph's, and Baker, Cyclone glare, all passed through with the big official recognition slump.

An outfield of Eddie Gosano at centre, Joey Schaberg coming in at left, with Savage Hassan cruising around at right field would be any manager's delight, a dream combination, a trio that has most everything: keen anticipation, fleet-footed shagging, instinctive covering, powerful hickory-wielding, and, above all, the drive that makes real champions.

#### SPORTS ADVT.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

**THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING** will be held, weather permitting, on **SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941**, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Club etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27764) will close at 12.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

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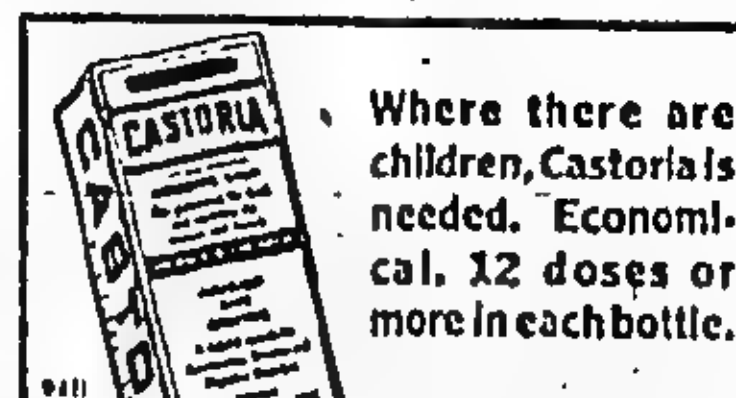
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## COMPANY PROFIT

## China Provident's Good Year

The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. has issued the report of the Directors for the year ended December 31, 1940, for presentation at the forty-fourth annual general meeting, in the Jacobean Room of the Hongkong Hotel, on March 15. It states:

The net profit for the year 1940, after deducting all charges and making provision for War Taxation and contingencies was \$419,491.39, to which must be added the balance brought forward from 1939 account, \$97,051.18, making a total of \$516,542.57 now available for appropriation, which the Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:

To pay a dividend of 50 cents per share	\$221,106.50
To pay a bonus of 25 cents per share	110,553.25
To transfer to General Reserve	50,000.00
To carry forward to 1941 account	60,482.69
	\$467,142.44

Directorate.--In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. S. M. Chuen, and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong retire, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs Linstead and Davis and Messrs Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Chartered Accountants, who offer themselves for re-election.

## NO WEATHER REPORTS

The Director of the Observatory, Mr. C. W. Jeffreys, announced yesterday that no meteorological information would be made public until further notice, except by means of the local storm signal code.

## American Ace Cameraman Returns To East

Mr Arthur Menken, Paramount newsreel cameraman returned by the China Clipper from San Francisco yesterday, this time as a "roving reporter" in the Far East.

"I don't know where I will rove or when," he remarked.

"It depends on what the Japanese are going to do."

Mr Menken distinguished himself in Spain for daring work in war scenes, during which he was wounded. He also obtained pictures of the bombing of Nanking in October 1937, and was one of the few newspapermen left in the city when the Japanese arrived. He filmed the withdrawal of the Allied forces from Norway and his last assignment before coming to Hongkong, was in England, when he was stationed on the Dover coast during the very heavy bombing and shelling in September.

Asked of his opinion of the German bombing and shelling of the British coast, Mr Menken said that because of the proximity of the German air bases, the Nazis concentrated their air force and gave England such a bombing that had never been seen before.

"The Russian bombing in Finland, although it was hell on earth, was done in a haphazard way," he said. "It was sloppy, and the damage in many cases was due to the wooden houses in the Finnish towns. The German bombing of Norway, which also has wooden houses, was fantastically accurate and tremendously destructive."

Mr Menken said he was glad the Lease and Lend Bill had been passed as it would mean that more aircraft and ships would be available to Britain.

"The only defence against aircraft is aircraft," he said. "The only defence in the air is offence, and attack must be met by attack."

## Bombing of French Coast

Mr Menken said the bombing by the British of the invasion ports on the French coast had never been sufficiently published. This had been carried on continuously night after night, and parachute flares had been

## Hundreds Of Victims Of Pellagra

The serious effect of the high cost of living is clearly indicated by the appearance for the first time in the mortality bills of the Colony of several hundred deaths from Pellagra in the Chinese hospitals. There has also been a substantial increase in the death rate of those suffering from Beri-Beri.

Figures released by the Registrar-General of Births and Deaths as regards the loss of life from deficiency diseases in the Chinese group of hospitals in Hongkong, show that, in 1939, 7,390 Beri-Beri cases were admitted to the hospitals and that the number of deaths amounted to 1,901, an average of 26.81 per cent. Last year, 13,588 cases were admitted to the hospitals and of these 4,140 succumbed to the disease, an average of 30.53 per cent.

In 1939 the hospitals received no patients suffering from Pellagra, but in 1940, 915 persons afflicted with this disease were admitted to the hospitals and of this figure 413 died, an average of 45.13 per cent.

According to the New Age Encyclopedia, Pellagra is an endemic disease occurring in Italy, Spain, Egypt, as well as in several other widely separated parts of the world. The disease is characterised by a burning of the skin, a red rash, pigmentation, nervous disorders, muscular wasting and progressive general weakness.

## Chinese Object To Increased Charges

At the Chinese Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting yesterday, at which Mr Philip Gockel, president, there was a discussion by members of the General Committee regarding the proposed increased charges by the Hongkong Electric Company and the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Opinions were expressed that since the Chinese in Hongkong have suffered great hardship since the war due to the high cost of living, the utility companies should not impose further burdens upon the Chinese when consideration was taken of their profits during the past year.

The meeting resolved to write to the Legislative Council asking them to present the Chamber's protest to the Government with a request that the Companies concerned should postpone increasing their rates.

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## Cholera Increases In Colony

It is announced by the Medical Authorities that owing to the rapid increase in cases of Cholera needing isolation, it will become necessary shortly to reopen the Cholera wards in the Lai Chi Kok Hospital.

Members of the public are again urged to secure such protection as may be given as the result of anti-Cholera inoculations.

The number of cases of Cholera to date for this year are 49, with 38 deaths. For the week ending March 8, there were 24 cases, with 10 deaths.

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## Britain's New Air Force Goes Up Aloft

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The revolutionary progress of the R.A.F.—its faster and more powerful fighters and the transformation of existing world-known models into virtually new types—was the theme of an address by the Air Minister, Sir Archibald Sinclair, in introducing the Air Force estimates in the House of Commons to-day.

Among the types which the Minister mentioned publicly for the first time were the Beau fighter designed for long-range operations and night fighting and carrying very heavy armament, and also the heavy Halifax bomber.

Later models of Spitfires and Hurricanes are in service, fitted with more powerful engines and heavier armament. The new Hawker Tornado will be equipped with engines nearly twice the horsepower of the fighters which bore the brunt of the battle of Britain and can carry still heavier armament and attain a speed well over 400 miles an hour. As to bombers, Hampdens, Wellingtons and Whitneys will be the main R.A.F. offensive. The latest models of these bombers are fitted with more powerful engines and some, although the name remains—are quite different aircraft.

**Heavier Bombers**  
In addition there is a range of very much heavier bombers, including the Manchester and Halifax, all of which have already shown their worth against enemy targets. They are more than twice the size of any earlier types, are faster and carry heavier defensive armament and three times the weight of bombs over the same distance as their predecessors. Sir Archibald declared that the bombers had made 200 raids on aerodromes and seaplane bases, 300 on docks and shipping, 470 on railways and communications and 630 on industrial targets, all in Germany, apart from their many very heavy raids on objectives in occupied territory.

In the same period, Coastal Command aircraft had down 16,000,000 miles.

**Overseas Squadrons**  
Squadrons from Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Rhodesia, squadrons manned by men from India and Newfoundland, and all the Colonial Empire are playing their part in the battle. "Another squadron of which the House will hear more before long is the Eagle Squadron, mounted on TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## BORIS RECEIVES M. POPOFF

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
SOFIA, Mar. 11 (UP).—King Boris received the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff last evening, but no details were given out. The American Minister, Mr. George Earle is expected back from the border at 5 p.m. He accompanied Mr. Rendel and his party of 50 to the Turkish frontier on their way to Istanbul. The Argentine, Greek, Yugo-Slav and Turkish Ministers and other diplomats bade them farewell.

## U.S. May Obtain Transports To Ship 250,000 Soldiers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (UP).—Shipping circles asserted that the Government is faced with the task of either constructing, reconstructing or purchasing of a vast transport fleet which, in a national emergency, could move more than 250,000 soldiers simultaneously to any point in the Western Hemisphere or beyond. On the other hand, fast passenger liners and freighters have been taken over, some from busy trade routes, while old transports such as the George Washington of the World War, are being overhauled. The Government has already taken over more than 400,000 gross tons of shipping, including 270,000 tons of passenger ships, comprising yachts, ocean-going tugs, supply boats, barges, lighters and auxiliaries. The Navy Department has taken over from the Maritime Commission

## To Fly Planes To Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—Well informed quarters state that a fairly large number of army and navy planes, flying Fortresses and patrol bombers are being prepared for flight to Britain by British and Canadian pilots. It is also indicated that ships, tanks, guns, machine-guns will figure in the immediate deliveries to Britain.

## British Troops In Greece

New Landings Reported

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
HELIGRADE, MAR. 11 (UP).—AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT STATES THAT BRITISH TROOPS ARE LANDING AT PIRAEUS FROM 40 TRANSPORTS WHICH ARRIVED THERE FROM AFRICA.

Italians Lose Hundreds

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Hundreds of Italian dead were left behind when, after strong artillery preparation, Greek infantry again attacked early on Monday morning in the central area of the Albanian front, states the Greek Press Ministry. Guns, ammunition, automatic arms and machine-guns were captured as well as 300 Italian prisoners, including a number of officers.

**Determined Defence**  
The Italians put up a determined defence, making desperate efforts to break the furious Greek onslaught, but their efforts were of no avail. The enemy's strongest positions, one of them on a peak nearly 6,000 feet high, were captured by the Greek forces and the Italians were left to fight after suffering very severe losses.

Greek detachments have chased and the Italians' flight was so precipitate that they left many dead and wounded on the battle-field.

**R.A.F. Support**  
LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. is continuing its support of the Greek army by smashing attacks on Italian forces in Albania. Yesterday, the R.A.F. raided motor transport concentrations and enemy camps.

**Bottai Killed**  
ATHENS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The press Ministry confirmed that the Fascist Minister of Education, Bottai, was killed in the recent fighting at the head of a Blackshirt battalion. He was engaged in firing on his own troops in retreat when killed.

**No Proposals**  
ATHENS, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An authoritative denial was given here to-day to the reports that the German Minister in Athens had handed to M. Korizis, the Greek Prime Minister, "certain proposals". No proposals, it is stated, have been presented.

# BRITISH MINISTER HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN BOMBS EXPLODE Istanbul Hotel Outrage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ANKARA, MAR. 11 (UP).—TEN PERSONS WERE INJURED, SOME FATALLY, WHEN TWO BOMBS EXPLODED IN THE PALACE HOTEL AT ISTANBUL WHERE THE BRITISH MINISTER TO BULGARIA MR GEORGE RENDEL AND HIS STAFF HAVE THEIR HEADQUARTERS. Ten thousand people gathered outside the hotel, and the whole hotel staff was arrested by the police who said that at least 30 were wounded. The Chief of Police and the Governor appeared immediately and the fire department extinguished the blaze within an hour. The police stated that it was almost certain that suitcases with bombs were placed with the Legation Staff's luggage at Sofia.

## BIG ADVANCE IN ABYSSINIA

New Encampment Captured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
CAIRO, Mar. 11 (UP).—To-day's General Headquarters communique states that Imperial forces in Abyssinia have captured Afodu encampment and are now advancing towards Asosa.

## Giant U.S. Bombers For Britain

Immediate Delivery Says Roosevelt

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—The signing of the Lend and Lease Bill by President Roosevelt legalises the immediate sending of a maximum of \$1,300,000,000 worth of existing army and navy equipment to the Democracies—which is understood to include a number of Flying Fortresses which will be dispatched forthwith.

Immediately after signing the bill, the President approved an initial list of army and navy weapons which will be sent to Britain and Greece; however, the list remains secret on account of military considerations.

The President indicated a swift movement of the items is contemplated and revealed that he asked the leaders of the Congressional appropriation committees to establish a small sub-committee to confer with him regularly regarding the Presidential activities under the Lend and Lease Bill.

Nationwide Broadcast

The President said he would send Rep. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, a letter at noon on Wednesday asking Congress for a seven billion dollar appropriation to finance the Lend and Lease operations. The President will also deliver a nationwide broadcast this week regarding the programme.

The President clearly indicated that assistance will be given to other Democracies besides Britain and Greece. When asked specifically whether or not China had been granted any assistance he said he supposed so, although nothing to-day had been approved for China. At 2:27 p.m. to-day the President said that no material had begun to move so far to Britain or Greece.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar. 11 (UP).—Work on the United States air and naval bases started to-day after the arrival of the survey ship Boditch with Marines and materials.

"In Italian Somaliland the advance in Abyssinia is developing satisfactorily. Many hundred additional prisoners have been taken, including a Brigade Commander, the Resident Commissioner and their staffs." The Italians retreating from Afodu abandoned four guns and a quantity of other equipment including an armoured car.

"Further east, patriotic forces have captured the town of Dambacha and are continuing the pursuit of the Italian columns who are retreating towards Debra Markos. Two guns and large quantities of other materials were captured." There is nothing important in Libya or Eritrea.

**Aircraft Break Ground**  
CAIRO, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—R.A.F. bombers successfully attacked workshops on the Decimere Road near Telescan and the railway near Habi Mantel.

They also continue to give very active support to the British troops closing in on Keren. Several enemy gun positions were bombed and machine-gunned. A bridge on the Keren-Asmara road was heavily bombed and a large petrol dump was destroyed south-west of Asmara. At Azozzo, R.A.F. fighters machine-gunned and destroyed two enemy bombers on the ground. No aircraft was lost in these operations.

## U.S. To Aid China President Roosevelt Cautious

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—At a press conference to-day, President Roosevelt said that Mr Currie's report would have a specific bearing on the aid to be given to China.

He was asked whether or not China would be aided under the Lend and Lease Bill and he answered that he thought so.

Asked to describe the purpose of Mr Currie's mission, the President said he went to have a look at conditions there.

President Roosevelt asserted that the first consignment of aid from the army and navy equipment already on hand would go to Britain, and in a lesser amount to Greece. He indicated that some of the first amount would go to China and from indications it seemed to be apparent that little would be done in this direction until after Mr Currie's arrival.

Mr Rendel said he was in his room unpacking when he heard the explosions and went down stairs and found his daughter lying on the floor. He hurried her to his room, after which both were taken to the American Embassy, where it was found that neither was injured.

Amongst those injured were Mr James Lambert, First Secretary of the Sofia Legation; Consul-General Burman of Sofia; Consul-General Paton of Istanbul; Vice-Consul Page and two Secretaries of the Sofia Legation, and a pastor of the English Church, the Reverend Bell.

## Nazi News Chief Faces U.S. Trial

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A Federal Grand Jury has indicted the German news agency, "Trans-Ocean," its manager, Manfred Zapp, and another employee named Tonn for violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Law. Zapp and Tonn have been arrested. The indictment alleged that "Trans-Ocean" established a branch agency in the United States in October, 1939, to further the interests of the German Government and the Nazi Party, but failed to register with the State Department as the agent of a foreign principal; that Zapp aided and abetted the violation and that Tonn, as "Trans-Ocean's" publicity agent, had failed to register.

**Held On Bail**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Mar. 11 (UP).—Dr Zapp and Herr Tonn of Trans-Ocean are being held for \$5,000 bail after arraignment in the Federal Court.

## LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

## Queen With The Shelterers

Daily their majesties the King and Queen identify themselves with the trials and sufferings of their people caused by the attacks of the Nazi Luftwaffe. When this picture was taken their majesties were inspecting an air raid shelter in London, and here the Queen is chatting to some children in their shelter bunks.



## Matsuoka To Discuss Military Questions

During Visit To Berlin, Rome

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, Mar. 11 (UP).—German authorised quarters, commenting on the official Tokyo announcement that Mr Matsuoka is going to Berlin said that it was "significant" that he was making the trip simultaneously with the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill. They added that it could be assumed that military questions would also be discussed.

Authorised quarters asserted that Mr Matsuoka will probably arrive within a fortnight but that the length of his stay in Berlin is not yet certain. It is not known whether or not Count Ciano will go to Berlin to participate in the discussions. They said, however, that Mr Matsuoka is not going to Vichy.

**Rome Reaction**  
ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Signor Ciano, writing in the "Giornale d'Italia" regarding the forthcoming trip of Mr Matsuoka to Rome and Berlin said: "The importance of Mr Matsuoka's trip is indicated by the fact that this is the first time since the peace of Portsmouth over 35 years ago that a Japanese Foreign Minister has come to Europe."

"But more concretely important is the historic moment which Europe will witness."

They declared: "It is symptomatic and significant that the trip occurs at the same time as the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill. Things that are to be discussed will be actualities including, obviously, a number of military questions."

"It is interesting to recall in this connection, the principles of the tri-

## Indo-China's Pride Hurt By Loss Of Territory

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SAIGON, Mar. 11 (UP).—French sources, commenting on the Tokyo agreement and the territories to be ceded to Thailand asserted that the "loss hurts our pride, but it is economically unimportant."

They pointed out that about 30,000 square kilometres, or less than one-twentieth of Indo-China will be handed over to Thailand.

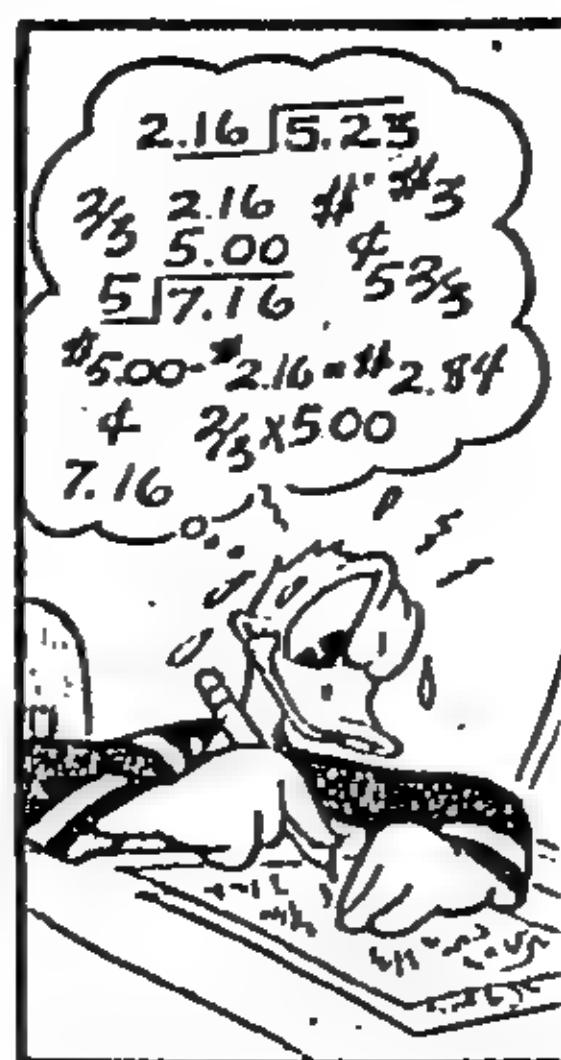
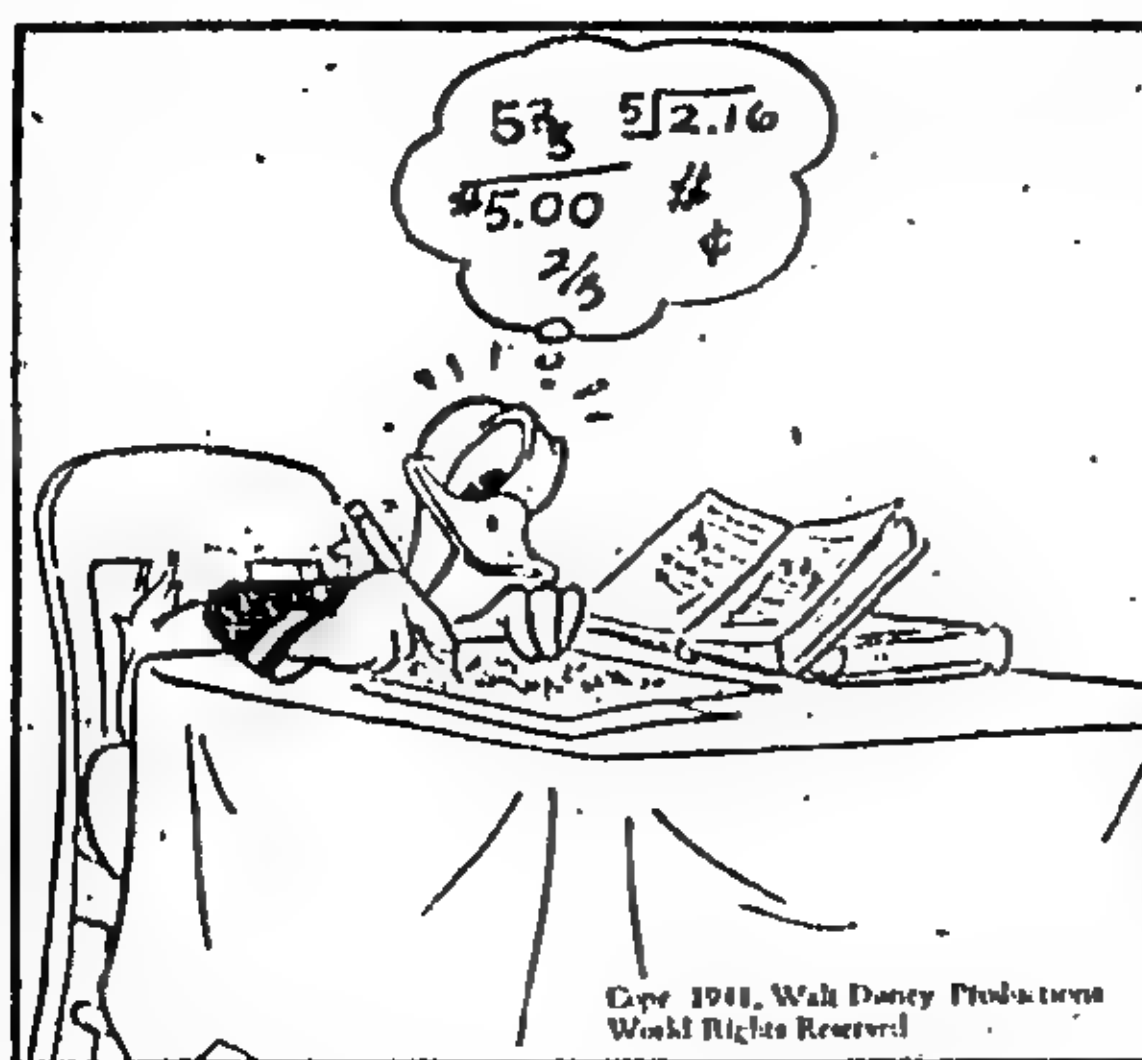
It was also emphasised that only Battambang and Slemreap were economically important. These were the only areas in Indo-China where modern rice farming is practised with hundreds of American tractors and the newest American agricultural methods. The production annually is 250,000 tons of Indo-China's best rice, as well as 100,000 tons of maize and valuable supplies of pepper. It is admitted that south of Battambang the French have lost the valuable sapphirine mines at Angkor Vat and also part of the annual harvest of 60,000 tons of fish from the Grand Lake. However, the loss of rubber plantations is considered negligible. Authoritative quarters believe that trouble may be expected in the lost areas in view of the fact that the population largely comprises Khmers, who built Angkor and who dislike the Thais who formerly ruled them.







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## Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- Humorous remark
- Kind of bear
- Girl's name
- Countess
- Sharp
- Mohammedan prince
- Indivisible unit
- Prison
- City in Ohio
- Musical instruments
- Musical instrument
- Words derived from others
- Woman on bobbin
- Constellation of stars
- Thick soup
- Invocation to Virgin
- Luck
- Disillusion
- Use it
- Italian card
- Asiatic composer (died 1802)
- Whirl around
- Cold, piercing wind (Arabian)
- Problems
- Duration of time (pl.)
- Attracting fruit
- Two together
- Excuse
- To bed
- Illud
- Man-eating plant
- Vander from place to place
- Blind's daughter

DOWN

- Mountain chain between Europe and Asia
- Book industriously
- Irreversible
- Droops
- Without wings
- Large rodent
- "Bluck-up" person
- Transmitter
- Pleasant
- Narrow streak
- Kind of fish
- Pike-like instrument
- Show on summit of mountain (French)
- Snake through
- City in India
- Low
- Long fish
- Two hundred one

## The bride wore—nothing!

NOT two hundred years ago many brides in England went to the altar dressed only in a short shift, or just nothing at all.

In the middle of the eighteenth century it was no unusual sight to see the bride standing at the altar in her birthday suit, or with just a shawl thrown hastily over her shoulders by some sympathetic friend.

Londoners seem to have been the first to disapprove of this custom for, after a marriage in St Paul's in the late eighteenth century, the bride was seen running across Ludgate-circus in her shift, pursued by mocking cries.

In 1724, a Wiltshire girl, Anne Selwood, was reported to have married not only without clothes, but without headgear.

And in Lincolnshire, a naked woman climbed down a ladder from her bedroom window to go to church and meet her bridegroom.

That time, however, her friends were worried about her health because it was winter, and rushed after her with an overall.

History can be amusing if you look at it in the right way. MARCUS HOLLYSTONE specialises in fishing out odd and interesting facts.

And why was this incredible custom allowed?

Because popular opinion... and even the clergy... believed that a man was not liable for his bride's debts if he married her in nothing but her shift, or, better still, in no clothes at all.

A nude bride signified that a man took a woman as she stood, with neither her family, debts nor any she might

have contracted before appearing at the altar!

The last nude woman to be seen in St Paul's was in 1936, when a woman suddenly threw off her cloak and revealed herself completely naked to the congregation, to draw attention to some statement she wished to make.

Modern congregations being more shockable than their ancestors, the lady was put back in her cloak and led away by an embarrassed policeman.



## Old-time War Songs

By Wilson McLaren

The spirit of the people clings tenaciously to the maxim, "Sing as you go" and all that it stands for, in time of war stress, cheery vocal music is a tonic far above price.

The late Professor John Stuart Blackie once said to me:—"The only way to keep the devil out of the house is to sing and pray." No man ever uttered truer words.

War brings about many changes, and during 1914-1918 the Tommies at home and abroad gave voice to their feelings by lustily singing popular ditties of that time.

One well might ask, What has happened to the song-writers of to-day? It does not require a genius to compose a popular song, yet although millions of young and old are longing for "numbers" of the "Keep the home fires burning," "Pack up your troubles," and "Tipperary" type, up to now they have been doomed to disappointment. A faint echo of "Roll out the barrel" still reaches the ear.

## VIBRANT PATRIOTISM

The music-hall songs of other days struck the target every time, particularly the patriotic ditties, which breathed the spirit of "Rule Britannia" in every line:—

"Britannia, the pride of the ocean,

The home of the brave and the free;

The shrine of each sailor's devotion,

What land can compare unto thee?

Thy mandate makes heroes assemble,

When Liberty's form stands in view;

Thy banners—make—tyranny tremble,

When borne by the red, white, and blue."

This song was sung in the olden days with great success, by Mr Davenport, in "Black-Eyed Susan."

Yearly thousands of songs are submitted to publishers, and hundreds are sent to artists in the hope that they may become "hits." Song-writing, however, is a great gamble. For one that makes a "hit," thousands fail flat, and it is a hundred-to-one chance of writing a winner.

Those who were privileged to hear G. H. Macdormott in his great war song, "We don't want to fight, but by jingo, if we do!" will readily admit that as a direct personal appeal from the stage, it was unsurpassed in keeping the morale of the whole nation right. It not only encouraged but roused everyone to fight for justice and freedom.

"We don't want to fight, but by jingo, if we do,  
We've got the ships, we've got the men, and got the money too;  
We've fought the Bear before, and while we're Britons true,  
The Russians shall not have Constantinople!"

Lord Beaconsfield's firm stand when Russia was at war was undoubtedly responsible for the creation of this song, one of the most famous ever written. The music-halls at that period were more closely in touch with the ordinary people, the result being that "We don't want to fight," was wildly sung all over the country. The words were even quoted in Parliament.

## LOTHIAN ROAD CIRCUS

Mr H. E. Moss had just opened his little theatre of varieties in Chamber's Street, Edinburgh, and I can well remember the enthusiasm when Macdormott, who had come straight from London, sang his patriotic song.

Another popular "number" at that time was "That's What the People Say in England." Here is the chorus:—

"There's money in the country; there's thunder in the air,

Little Turkey's threatened by a great big Russian Bear,

But the British Lion's watching, so they'd better have a care;

That's what the people say in England."

The singer of this song was N. C. Bostock, who, in the 'seventies, had made a name for himself in the singing of comedy songs. An Edinburgh boy, he first appeared as a Scots comedian in a penny gaff, which stood on a piece of ground in Lothian Road, now occupied by the L.M.S. goods department. Seventy years ago this West End vacant space was a happy fair ground, where a circus, boxing booths, penny gaff, and human monstrosities, delighted the citizens of "Auld Reekie."

Bostock was a striking personality on the stage. Immaculately dressed, stoutly built, and possessing a powerful voice, with consummate skill he followed in the footsteps of the great Macdormott, and roused his audience to a pitch of enthusiasm seldom witnessed in a music hall.

## MARTIAL ENTHUSIASM

At a later date another expert in patriotic songs was Charles Godfrey. He was the singer of many popular comic songs in his day, but as the originator of the descriptive song with a dramatic setting and effects, he will always be remembered by those who frequented the "halls" in Victorian days. Godfrey's "On Guard" was a striking contribution to song propaganda so prevalent at that time, and his song-scene was received, with favour. The chorus is worth quoting:—

"Here upon guard am I,  
Willing to do or die;  
Fighting for Queen and country, too,  
Fighting for home so dear,  
Cannons are there in sight,  
Bayonets to left and right,  
Hands true and steady are willing and ready,  
And hearts which know no fear!"

What measure of success would similar war-time songs receive today? A new generation has arisen, and it is to be feared that much of the martial enthusiasm of the old days has disappeared, or now expresses itself in other ways.

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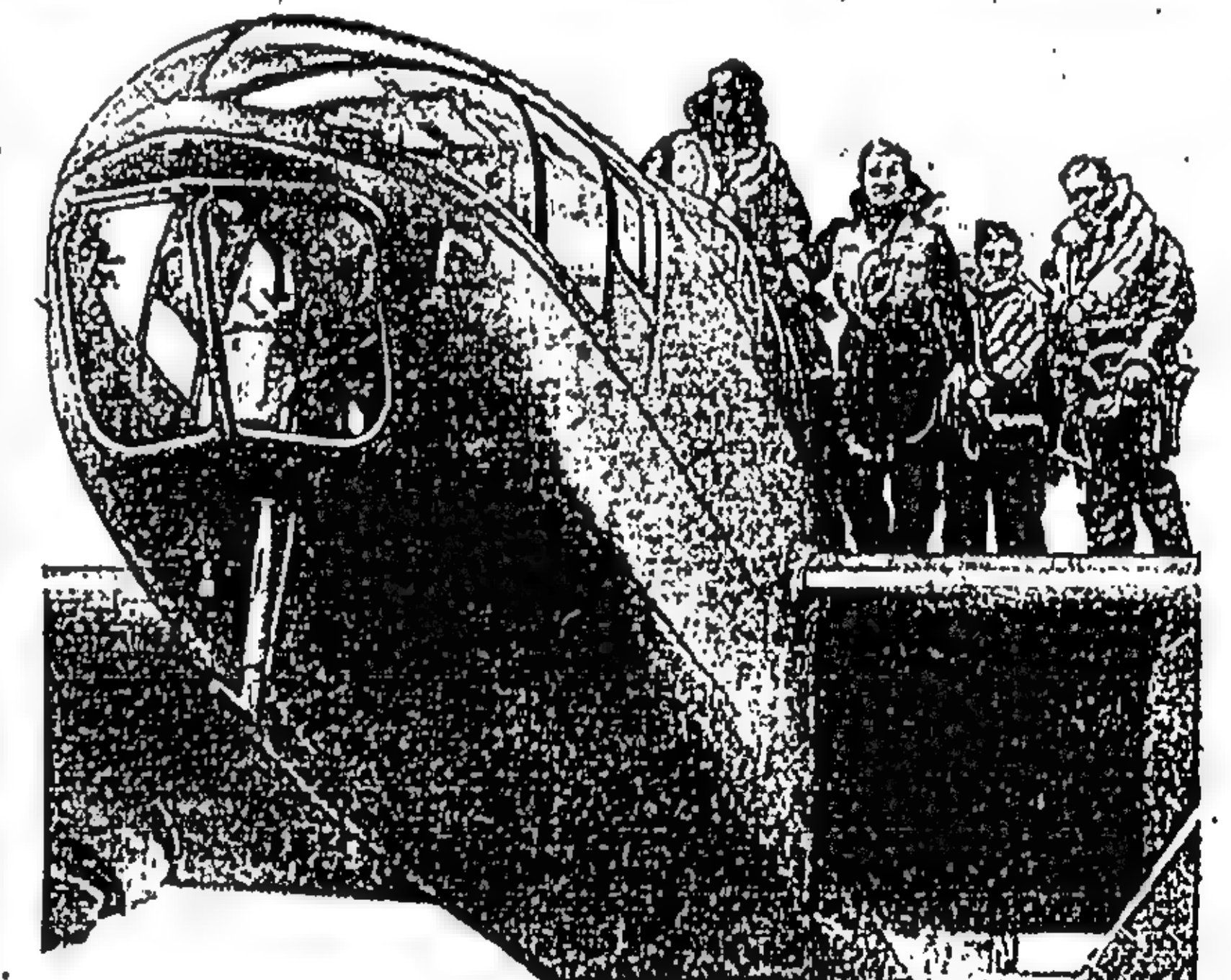
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### A UNITED FRONT

WITH Germany's occupation of Bulgaria and the massing of her troops on the Grecian front the full significance of British victories in Africa becomes more apparent. The Axis, in their eagerness to seize what they could while they could, have definitely overreached themselves. As a result Italy is no longer an entity to be feared while Hitler is forced to do what he has always tried to avoid doing—stage a war on two fronts. Even should he prove successful in overrunning Greece and the odds are he will not be, it would be at a tremendous cost of men and materials. It is not known whether Mussolini started his Grecian adventure with the approval of Hitler, but in any case the result has been a distinct and deadly blow to Axis prestige and may well prove to be the deciding factor in the war.

The campaign in Africa is not yet ended, but with the collapse of Libya and Italian Somaliland, Italian resistance is no longer effective. The speed with which the Italian forces have been annihilated and driven in full retreat from post to post in East Africa, is entirely due to the outstanding strategy of General Cunningham and to the valour, discipline and endurance of the forces under him. The African campaign is an instance of the solidarity of the British Empire, a fact which Hitler, according to reliable sources, always refused to admit, probably because one of his mentalities could not conceive of such unity without force. South Africans, Australians, New Zealanders fought side by side with Indian and British troops. The entire campaign will become a classic example of what can be achieved by people in spite of varying political opinions, when motivated by one common desire.

The future welfare of the world now lies to a large extent in the hands of those countries included in the Commonwealth of Nations. During the last world war the same forces came into play, but more as supporting units and not as self-supporting armies—prepared to share the responsibility and pay the price. India too has played a more definite role than ever before. This fact does not in any way minimise the valour of the Indian troops who in 1914-1918 fought so gallantly, but it is undoubtedly true that to-day India is taking her place in the British community of nations in a way which can never be forgotten.

Every dispatch from the battle front has contained reference to the Indian troops, either in regard to their powers of endurance under great strain or to their coolness under fire and to their initiative. A telegram recently received gave a list of heroic deeds by individual Indian soldiers,

IN Kipling's "Light That Failed" the correspondent of a Great Daily fifty years ago prophesied continually "Trouble in the Balkans Next Spring."

Even then, the Balkans were notorious as the powder magazine of Europe, and though that unhappy continent has now itself become one vast high-explosive dump its detonating point eastward, from Moscow to the Persian Gulf, is still—the Balkans.

Under that collective name we should count five small States: Hungary, on the middle Danube, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece. To these we must add Turkey, on the extreme south-east of the land (and water) of Europe, and dominating in Asia Minor the gateway to the continent of Asia.

Individually, the five have been, and must always be, helpless against the pressure of Germany or Russia (to say nothing of the combined pressure of those two Powers). They were even helpless—it had been assumed—against Italy alone.

United, and backed by a peace-loving Turkey, they could have opposed to any of the Big Three a resistance formidable enough to give pause to the most ruthless aggressor.

### Rival Policies

Great Britain and France, real friends—and not the less real because they were themselves interested in the maintenance of peace everywhere—had for years been urging upon them some such understanding.

The Axis, concerned only to keep them divided and weak, had viciously opposed the idea, and had sapped it by every weapon in their arsenal of bribery, enjoinery and blackmail.

So when, after the first three months of the war, the common danger seemed to be drawing all six together, few were surprised by a menace, megaphoned from Rome on December 16, 1939, that "Italy did not consider that the constitution of a bloc of any kind could be profitable to the countries of the Danubian and Balkan regions."

Natural! The collapse of France, co-guarantor with Great Britain of Rumania, finally overthrew the crazy, unstable Balkan equilibrium. Russia seized not only Bessarabia but Bukovina, Bulgaria regained (not undeservedly and with British approval) Southern Dobruja. And a Nazi Diktat sliced away

Ninth Article in this Important "Telegraph" Series

## RIDDLES OF 1941

# What Next In The Balkans?

by Sir Ronald Storrs

Giant Pincers upon Egypt, and the Suez Canal.

Thus had the scene been staged.

But the gambler's luck had turned, and the cards began to run, always more heavily, against him. He began to run himself—out of invaded Greece, and seaward from violated Albania, while the remnant of his navy ran northwards out of Taranto, and his diminished Libyan Army westward out of Egypt.

He has secured the Aegean air and sea bases—for Great Britain; who, but for his flaunting of Greece's honourable neutrality, would never have occupied them.

Once more, in her three millenniums of history, Greece, by overthrowing the calculations of bullies and of tyrants has heartened and inspired the civilised world.

In Yugoslavia, despite certain Axis sympathies among politicians and Croats, the Serbian people and the fine Army would resist encroachment by every means in their power.

### Bulgaria?

In Bulgaria, on the other hand, it is the Army, with a few Ministers and ex-Ministers, that is pro-German.

The Bulgars as a nation are still faithful to Russia as the historic protector (against Germanism) of the Slavs, but they are not therefore necessarily Communistic—even though "Uncle Ivan has dyed his beard Red."

The Army is urged from without (and urged within) that now is the time to strike at Greece, "redeem" Bulgarian Macedonia, and force a Bulgarian corridor down to the Aegean—along which it is easy to imagine whose would be the first troops to be carried.

Against such intrigues, the steadfast prudence of King Boris and some of his elder statesmen has had to pass through recent "moments" both he and they, remember only too well the fierce curtailments twice endured by Bulgaria through King Ferdinand's too wide opening of his mouth in 1912, and, under German influence, in 1915.

He has recovered the Dobruja, and would be well content to reserve

other claims for the general adjustment of the Peace.

It is, therefore, of prime interest and significance to learn that on December 27 the Foreign Minister, M. Filoff, not only rejected the proposal of the Fascist ex-Prime Minister that Bulgaria should officially join the Axis, but expressed the "desire of the Bulgarian Parliament for the country to remain absolutely neutral, and to develop friendly relations with all Powers."

This neutrality, which could hardly have been, thus reaffirmed without the tacit approval of Russia, was (amusingly) stigmatised by Nazi spokesmen as "inconsistent with the spirit of the New Order in Europe."

The wisdom of the Bulgarian Cabinet has been assisted by the watchful alertness of their potent Eastern neighbour, Turkey—a well-wisher.

And over-adventurous Bulgar "forwards" are well aware that they are being "marked" by a well-trained team, ready and able to take the game under control on the first sign of its getting out of hand.

In addition to the forts and other defences of the Dardanelles, Turkey has three strongly protected European lines: Adrianople—Kirk Killise (a continuation of the Greek system), Bulair and Chatalja.

On all of these her strength grows daily.

### So What?

Turkey's own rear is secured by pacts with Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan, fellow Moslem States which have not yet shown any tendency to substitute Hitler for Allah.

Any one of three events may bring Turkey into the war during 1941:—

An attack upon herself by any Power.

An attack upon Greece by Bulgaria.

An attack by any Axis interest upon Turkey's southern neighbour, Syria, which she does not covet for herself, but where she would not tolerate Axis occupation.

Though Mussolini has let Hitler down, Hitler cannot afford to let Mussolini down any longer, or he may let him out of the war altogether—and have reason to remember the story of how Mr. Ettore Bellasi, on his last visit to Rome, presented his host with a couple of Bellasi beacons—to help him over his double-crossings!

Hitler must strike again, and soon. But where and how?

Africa would be most welcome to his ally but, across a British Mediterranean, is, save by air, least practical.

German bombers and fighters have reached Italy; most probably, for use against the British Navy. But is that enough to stop the Italian rot?

Hitler would prefer to strike Greece down through the Balkans now, before she has had time to storm Valona and drive the Italians into the sea.

But this immediate offensive, unless he can terrorise the Yugoslavs or Bulgars into allowing his troops passage, would not only upset his Balkan supply system, it would involve war on a second front, and that under conditions as unfavourable to mechanised troops as were the icy mountain passes of Albania.

True, there is said to be an advance German G.H.Q. in Rumania within a few miles of the Yugoslavian frontier, and King Boris is once more enduring the turn of the screw.

True, that although a spring campaign would suit him far better, and a winter assault should therefore be less probable, for that very reason it should not be absolutely ruled out.

### On Guard

Nevertheless, it is more likely that the Goebbels' harangues and excursions of Nazi troop-trains rushing through Hungary, and of troopships steaming down the Adriatic, are projected off-stage by that maestro to edge Balkan nerves—and to ease British nerves, away from the real invasion, which is planned not from the south-eastern end of Europe, but from the north-west.

So that to-day we should look, not so much to the Balkans, as to our own guard, our guns, and our gas-masks.

[Editor's Note:—Since this article was written, the Bulgarian Government has declared its adherence to the Axis, and German troops are now reported to be massed on the borders of Greece. The position of Yugoslavia has not changed.]

**TO-MORROW**  
**What Next In The Air War?**  
an interview with  
**SIR ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR**  
(Minister for Air)

## Hannen Swaffer:

"THE Aussies are the finest fighting troops on earth." It may, or may not, be true—but, anyway, the phrase is once again being used because of their exploits in Libya.

Then why is it that our home-grown Army has imposed on its ranks discipline to which no Australian soldier would submit?

AMONG the Aussies, officers and men fraternise freely. They drink together. Saluting is reduced to a minimum.

Yes, in some English towns, you read shop notices: "Only officers and members of the public served." A private cannot buy anything in these sacred stores!

Moreover, many hotels are barred to all but the commissioned ranks.

And, everywhere, the monotony of saluting, saluting, saluting, goes on.

I WALKED, the other day, down the Strand, behind a British officer,

which will be handed down in the records of this war as outstanding examples of heroism and devotion. Over and above these spontaneous acts of bravery the Indian troops have shown themselves to be possessors of one of the most valuable qualities of which human beings are capable—reliability. This characteristic alone has inspired confidence wherever they have been sent and means that to-day they are assuming as much responsibility for the successful outcome of the war as any other unit of the Allied forces now fighting aggression and domination.

## Will saluting win the war?

Every private and every aircraftman saluted as he passed. Each time, the poor blinking officer had to acknowledge it.

Yet not one Commonwealth private from overseas took the slightest notice!

Who, I wondered, were the inferior soldiers?

THE rigidity of the rule is worse for officers than for the men.

In London, it is a sad case that men holding commissions frequently rush into civvies when on leave in order to escape the necessity for having to acknowledge a salute every dozen yards.

You can't tell me that constant saluting wins wars. It perpetuates the caste system and it's out of date in an age when some of the privates are better educated than most of the officers.

I HEARD recently of an incident on a South Wales railway station.

A young lieutenant, seeing two privates, shouted at them: "Here, you men, put my baggage on the train."

The officer was the son of a local publican in whose pub the men were in the habit of drinking. A few weeks before, they called him by his Christian name. But now, he was an officer.

I HEAR, too, of over-punishment. Twenty-seven men, risking trouble, have written to an M.P., all signing their names, complaining that they had been sentenced to 28 days C.B. without pay for overstaying their leave by one day to which they all understood they were entitled.

I do not think David Margesson is

exactly the sort of man who would humanise the Army.

THEN, although Aneurin Bevan recently wrung from the Secretary of War the admission that a soldier was allowed to communicate with his M.P., he assures me that while letters addressed to Members of Parliament by soldiers are not opened before they leave the camps, the replies, if arriving in envelopes bearing the "House of Commons" imprint, are often opened and inspected before they reach the men to whom they are addressed!

And, in some camps and barracks, officers still tell the men that they must not write to M.P.s.

Officially, soldiers have certain citizen rights. Officially, in spite of that, they are told they have none.

I HEAR, too, of a young craftsman in the Tank Corps who, unused to military life, wrote a long letter to his colonel, telling him what he thought was wrong with the Army!

He told him, for one thing, that the men should have explained to them the reason for all sorts of orders. These they resented, because they could not understand why they were given.

Fortunately for this young soldier, his colonel had a sense of humour.

He sent for him and, twinkling, said: "Yours was a most interesting and revealing document. Because of it, we may find it necessary to alter the Army regulations. But, next time, you must write to your captain."

"But then you might not get it, sir," replied the man.

"Oh, I'll have this letter typed out," said the colonel, hiding a smile.

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WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has signed the Lend and Lease Bill.

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Amount Sought

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Congressional authorities disclose

that President Roosevelt will ask Congress for an appropriation of \$7,000,000,000 to carry out the British Aid programme.

Key Men Called

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter). Making steady strides to establish the machine with which to operate the British Aid programme immediately the Lend and Lease Bill becomes law, President Roosevelt called a White House conference this morning.

Those attending were key members of Congress who will handle the billions of dollars in appropriations to finance America's war effort.

Final Voting

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The voting in the House of Representatives on the final passing of the Lend and Lease Bill was 317 to 71.

The President indicated a swift movement of the items is contemplated and revealed that he asked the leaders of the Congressional appropriation committees to establish a small sub-committee to confer with him regularly regarding the Lend and Lease Bill.

Fleet of Boats, Food

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The House of Representatives this afternoon passed the Aid to Britain Bill, which now goes to the White House for the President's Signature.

# ROOSEVELT SIGNS THE LEND AND LEASE BILL

WASHINGTON, MAR. 11 (UP).—THE HOUSE TO-DAY PASSED, AND PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS SIGNED, THE LEND AND LEASE BILL.

DURING A CONFERENCE WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DECIDED TO ASK FOR SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS CASH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AIDING THE OTHER DEMOCRACIES UNDER THE LEND AND LEASE PROGRAMME.

Some well informed Congressional circles understood that the Administration has prepared a list of war materials which will be transferred to Britain immediately after approval of the Lend and Lease Bill. Although the nature of the materials has not yet been revealed, most informed quarters believe they will include motor torpedo boats and aircraft, and perhaps some destroyers and guns. The Bill authorised the President to immediately transfer to the United Kingdom worth of materials now existing in army and navy stocks. Anything beyond this amount must be provided with Congressional appropriations.

It is understood that one high ranking Committeeman of the House Foreign Relations Committee has submitted to President Roosevelt a private tabulation of war materials which this Congressman feels could be transferred immediately including 35 destroyers.

Rep. Edward Izac told the "United Press" that he had urged the President to "send the entire \$13,000,000,000 worth of materials to Britain to-morrow, if possible. He said we should transfer all the destroyers we can spare, as well as torpedo boats, private yachts and motor boats which the Government has requisitioned."

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## Fighting On China Fronts

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central News).—Reports from Shansi indicate that fighting in south Shansi has been intensified.

There was a heavy gun duel north of Hotsin last week while the Japanese pushing westward from Fencheng were repulsed.

Japanese gun emplacements at Weikan, a point on the north bank of the Yellow River, opposite Lingpan, were destroyed in a Chinese night raid while the highway south of Monanchen was heavily damaged.

Sharp fighting broke out at Howma on March 6. On the same day about 1,000 Japanese troops supported by three field guns and nine tanks attacked Tungfengtsun from Kuwo.

They met with stiff Chinese resistance. Thousands of Japanese based at Yingcheng, in south-east Shansi, attacked Chienningchen, Lijichen and other townships east of Kaoping. Brisk fighting took place.

A report from Kiangsi states that following the recapture of Wuning, important town in north Kiangsi, the Chinese troops are pushing toward Joki, north-east of Wuning, where the Japanese have retreated.

North Kiangsi

On North Kiangsi Front, Mar. 11 (Central News).—While constructing defences at Tingshan near Hukow, key city at the entrance of the Poyang Lake in north Kiangsi, 17 miles east of Kuikang, Japanese troops were bombed by Chinese artillery on March 6, suffering more than 100 casualties.

Japanese artillery replied and Japanese infantry-men were sent against the Chinese. However, after hours of fighting, they were forced to withdraw.

On the same day a Chinese unit raided Litsun, a village south of Hukow, now under Japanese occupation.

Warning To Mariners

Singapore Harbour

A notice to mariners issued by the Harbour Department this morning states that the eastern approach to Singapore Harbour and Roads will be closed to shipping by mines on and after March 3, 1941.

Vessels entering the dangerous area do so at their own risk and peril. The position is given as lat. 01 degrees 18' N, long. 103 degrees 53' E. (approx.)

The dangerous area is enclosed by the following lines:—

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Rumours

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mr Cordell Hull, Secretary of State to-day disclaimed all knowledge of rumours which are being circulated here that the transfer of Ambassador Nelson Johnson and Minister Clarence Gauss will be delayed.

Mr Hull said he had never heard such a report.

According to the rumour, Ambassador Johnson would remain in China at least 60 days which is regarded as the period when Germany will most likely attempt an invasion of England and thus create a critical period also in the Far East.

Japanese Army

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Japan has 52 divisions under arms, of which 37 are stationed in China, nine in Manchuria and six in Japan, Korea and Formosa.

A Chinese Military Council spokesman to-day in reviewing Japanese military concentrations.

"It is estimated that Japan can use seven or eight divisions for the southward push, with Singapore as the main objective."

Italians To Farm In Britain

Land Army Recruits

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Italian prisoners of war are to work on the land in Britain, announced Mr Tom Williams, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, addressing Cheshire farmers at Chester to-day.

He stated that the Government had promised that between 2,000 and 3,000 would work on the land.

Their arrival would depend on the demand on British shipping but it was hoped that they would be available shortly.

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Cession of Territories By France to Thailand

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BANGKOK, Mar. 11 (Domei).—Upon receipt of reports that the terms of mediation in the Thai-French Indo-China border dispute were formally signed at Tokyo, the Thai Government immediately made a public announcement confirming the satisfactory settlement of the Tokyo conference, while the Premier, Mr Luang Bipul Songgram proclaimed over the radio the restoration of the lost territories.

In order to administer the territories ceded by France, an Indo-China board will be created in the Ministry of Interior.

Meanwhile, there are indications that the tendency of nationalism in Thailand has been further accelerated by the recovery of the "lost territories" from France, it being publicly urged that a great Thailand could be built up in co-operation with Japan. This trend of public feelings in the country is expected to contribute much towards the future relations between Japan and Thailand.

Losses And Thefts

Lieut J. C. Brown of No. 62, Macdonnell Road, reports to the Police the larceny of money and a fountain pen, amounting to \$25, from his residence.

The loss or theft of a fur coat, valued at \$650, is reported to the Police by Mrs Fild of the University.

Mr Marey of No. 60 Bowen Road, reports the theft of a cigarette case and clothing to the value of \$22.

A satchel, valued at \$14, was taken from a car belong to Dr W. S. Tso of No. 24 Caroline Road.

INDIA LOOKS AFTER SAILORS

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Council of State has passed a resolution similar to that passed in the Assembly, recommending the establishment of a scheme to provide for the payment, from central revenues, of compensation in respect of war injuries and war damage sustained during the period of the present emergency by masters and seamen employed in the seagoing services on ships registered in British India.

Supply Council

NEW DELHI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—With the arrival of the South African and Australian delegates, work on the Eastern Group Supply Council is expected to get under way in the near future.

Master Of King's Music

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The famous British musician, Sir Walter Davies, who has been "Master of the King's Music" since 1934, died here to-day.



# Around The Courses

## Generous Gesture By Macao G.C.

### Portuguese Course Thrown Open To Country Club Members

(By "Birdie")

**FORGING A TIE** between the two Colonies that to many golfers should be of great benefit, the Macao Golf Club—correctly, the Tennis Civil Golf Section—recently made a most generous gesture in extending the facilities of their course to members of the Country Club, Sheungshui.

Needless to say, the Country Club spontaneously reciprocated so that members of either Club are now able to make week-end golf trips between the two Colonies.

The Portuguese course is a most recent acquisition and is open to improvement, but in the general lay-out two members of the Country Club—Mr. F. E. D'Almada Remedios and Mr. A. A. Lopes—had a share.

The Macao Club's invitation is in appreciation of the advice of these two players. Apart from that, however, the gesture has a fraternal tone that is ever desirous between Clubs no matter what their sporting activities.

In this, as regards Golf, Kowloon and Happy Valley have been in happy association for quite some time, and now the Country Club has commenced a series of matches with Kowloon, too.

Incidentally, I mentioned last week that the return match between the latter two Clubs had been fixed for March 25—this was a slight error in date. The match will be played at Sheungshui on Sunday, March 30.

**GIVE** a child a club and ask him to swing at a ball and he will take hold in the reverse manner. That is, with the left hand below the right. This, if he is right-handed, gives him control with the right. But the orthodox grip for a right-hander is to have the right hand below the left, and for this the grip has to be cultivated and learned.

But there does, I suppose, come a time when one meets with a player, who, perhaps from youth, has swung a club with the so-called "natural" grip and who still retains it.

I met one such golfer on the Kowloon course a few weeks ago. I have read quite some books on the game, but I have never come across mention of this grip. Imagine my surprise, therefore, when I saw this player swing easily and correctly to knock the ball some 180 yards with a No. 5 iron. This was off an elevated tee.

It is thus that a left-handed player could play with right-handed clubs!

**A FRIEND** told me recently that he had read in a paper that the Home authorities were thinking of adopting the American ball. The difference between the two, I believe, is that the standard R. & A. ball should not be less than 1.62 inches in diameter and not greater than 1.62 ounces in weight, while the American ball is 1.65 inches in diameter. I don't know anything about the weight, but I am given to understand the latter is lighter.

There aren't any American balls for sale in Hongkong, but one was in use a little while ago, and the player, who was a visitor from the Philippines, was most emphatic about the shorter length of the American make.

The longer the ball, of course, the greater the wind resistance, and, therefore, the less would be the distance from the club. And the lighter the ball, the smaller the distance still.

If there are experiments going on to limit the length of drives, then the Americans are on the right track.

**MEMBERS** of the Country Club are reminded that the coming Sunday will be for the second round matches of the Mixed Foursomes. Every effort should be made to play off these matches, as with the rain and Volunteer Camps there has been some hold-up in other competitions, and it is desired to complete all tournaments before the annual President v. Captain match on April 6.

**GOLF** links around the London area are suffering from Hitler's "blitz". Most of them are pitted with craters, and Sundridge Park links with a total of 68, of which 20 were created in one night! Eighteen are on the fairways, but the greens have, as yet, escaped unscathed.

## ARMY LEAGUE SNOOKER STANDINGS

Following are the results of the Garrison snooker matches played on Monday:

R. A. Sergeants (Stanley) drew with Signals Corporals 3-3.  
R. E. A. drew with Signals A 3-3.  
R. E. Sergeants beat Police 4-2.  
R. A. M.C. beat R. A. P.C. 5-1.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	11	0	1	4	44
R.E. Sergeants	11	7	1	3	42
R.A. Sergeants	11	5	1	5	37
C.M. Police	11	2	4	5	31
R.E. A.	11	2	4	5	31
R.A.P.C.	11	3	5	3	28
Signals Corporals	11	2	6	3	27
Signals A	11	3	7	1	26

Pte Whybro, R.A.M.C. scored a break of 28 against 1st Sgt Chalcraft, R.A.P.C. in the Silver Spoon Trophy match on Monday.

## Home Soccer Fixtures For March 15

**LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—**The following are the football fixtures for Saturday, March 15:

### WAR CUP

Second Round, South

Cardiff v. Reading.

Second Round, North

Grimby v. Barnsley; Leeds v. Middlesbrough.

Third Round, South

Leicester v. Mansfield; Queen's P.R. v. Chelsea; West Ham v. Arsenal.

Third Round, North

Everton v. Manchester C.; Preston N.E. v. Tranmere.

### LONDON CUP

Aldershot v. Fulham.

### LEAGUE SOUTH

Bournemouth v. Brighton; Portsmouth v. Southampton; Southend v. Watford; Luton v. Norwich.

### SOUTH REGIONAL

Brentford v. Crystal Pal.; Notts C. v. Notts F.; West Brom. v. Stoke.

### NORTH REGIONAL

Blackburn v. Burnley; Blackpool v. Bury; Bolton v. Chesterfield; Doncaster v. Halifax; Bradford v. Rochdale; Bradford C. v. Sheffield W.

### WEST REGIONAL

Bath City v. Cardiff Corinthians; Lovell's Athletic v. Acoeraman; Swansea Town v. Bristol C.

### SCOTTISH CUP

Airdrie v. Motherwell; Celtic v. Partick; Hamilton v. Albion; Morton v. St Mirren; Falkirk v. Dumbarton; Rangers v. Third Lanark; Hearts v. Clyde; Queen's Park v. Hibernians.

## Craigengower Teams

The following have been selected to represent Craigengower Cricket Club first eleven in their Cricket League match against Reecroft at 2 p.m. on the former's ground, on Saturday:

E. Zimmerman (Capt), T. Edgar, E. H. Emmet, H. G. Foreman, A. J. Hulse, H. C. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, J. Mitchell, W. Wong Sling, G. Souza, and J. L. Young Saye.

### 2nd Eleven

The following will represent Craigengower C.C. second eleven in their League match against Kowloon C.C. on the latter's ground at Kowloon on Saturday:

A. M. Omar (Capt), N. Broadbridge, U. H. Emmet, A. J. Hulse, A. K. Ismail, H. C. Hulse, A. Lee, J. W. Leonard, S. Leonard, T. Lock and W. K. Way.

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## LEE WAI-TONG IN ACTION



Lee Wai-tong (South China) with an anticipatory smile on his face as he goes for the ball. Chung Fai-lam (Kwong Wah's right back) seems about to get there first.—Sun Ying-ming Studio.

## Alice Marble Should Earn £10,000 In 5 Months

### Mary Hardwick Forsakes Amateurs

**LONDON, Jan.—**On January 6 England lost one of its best girl players and America its most dominant personality since Helen Wills, when Mary Hardwick and Alice Marble made their professional tennis debuts at Madison Square Garden, New York.

### R. A. Gerrard Promoted To Major of R.E.'s

**LONDON, Jan.—**R. A. Gerrard, Bath, Somerset and England rugby footballer, has been promoted to Major. He was a junior officer in a Territorial unit of the Royal Engineers when war broke out. He is still playing whenever duty permits, and his side, which includes several Bath players, has not yet been defeated.

Gerrard is a former Hongkong boy, and took an active part in athletics at the Diocesan Boys' School, from which School he went to Taunton.

## 37 Years With Hongkong F.C.

At the Hongkong Football Club yesterday, the presentation of a silver cup and a cheque subscribed by members, was made to Ah Lam, No. 1 Boy, on his retirement after 37 years.

Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, the oldest member, made the presentation at the invitation of Mr. H. R. Forsyth, President.

# Review Of Colony's Softball Stars For 1940/41 Season

## Poverty Of Pitchers: "All-Hongkong" Team

(By "Ball Fan")

**WITH THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL** close of yet another grand softball season, thoughts of the gashouse faithful naturally veer back to encompass the entire schedule, picking out at a glance the shining lights, the various incidents, and other highlights of the past winter.

New stars have been born to take a commanding position, while veterans have also continued in a blaze of glory. But no single team, no individual position has a vice grip on the array of the Colony's softball diamond this past season.

**THERE** are always brilliant catchers. You'll find them on practically every team.

This year's top-spot backstop has found Mohawk Joe Morris, C.B.C.'s Nip Lum and Indianman Tarzan Ismail in a class supreme.

Each is a hustler, zipping the ball around to catch base runners. However, fiery Joe Morris appears to take the nod with his lightning throws across the infield. He's the ideal catcher, fast, full of fight and commanding real confidence from his moundmen.

### Pitcher's Palm

The hurling department has improved but slowly in comparison to other layouts.

Our slammers have yet to master the art of tricky, clever cut, deceptive and speedy hurling.

Last season's ace Herbie Quon has faded considerably due to lack of that important thing known as confidence. Ben Cray has mustered a real fast ball throw this year and appears to be just about the speediest hurler in the Colony at the present time, but as yet lacks control to become the pitching ace of the year.

Gerry Gosano, Rec man opened out to the fore this year, culminating in a masterful New Year's Day performance. We give this rough riding Rec the call as the outstanding slab tosser of the year, a spot that has shown very little, if any improvement, due to his consistency, a fair amount of speed, coolness, a 367 batting average and a fighting heart.

### The "Hot Spot"

The initial suck, a spot that demands power clouting as well as torpichoreen fielding acts, brought St Joseph's hefty Stan Leonard, Indian Clubber Romeo Hamet and Nick "my kingdom for a base" Beltrano, Rec staller, to the fore; each of whom gave his respective team a first sucker with a sure pair of catching hands, a calm and cool forte when the going was toughest, holding down the bag in workmanlike manner.

Big boy Stan Leonard's clutch clouting was an outstanding feature in the success of the Leonardmen and with this in mind the burly Saint gets the call.

### Keystone Chair

A second we find heavy hitting Baby Abbas and St Joseph's promising rookie Arturo Ozerio in a desperate bid to uphold the honour of the keystone berth. Both cover well, can field them within a wide radius and are cool and collected in any pinch spot.

The "Baby" set a terrific hitting pace at the beginning of the season, coming through with many timely singles. The top chair is his, in our estimation.

### Narrow Choice

The hot corner found that firebrand batter Dave Leonard and Mohawk Lou Leight making it a two-way fight for all-recognition honours. The old bambino himself is a virtual terror to opposing hurlers, fighting type of ballplayer with that "we must win" label marked in his every movement.

Dave appeals in a big way to the box office manager as one who can draw the crowds from far and near. He has rip-roaring style that has the rabid fans in a frenzy, packs colour and fire in an essential type of ballplayer in any league.

Handsome Lou Leight presents to us the refined type of player with real class in his actions; a ballplayer who has been brought up in surroundings where sportsmanship and "play the game for the game's sake" predominates above all.

It's real tough going to choose between these two different types of ball tossers but we give the nod to Dave Leonard because of his heavy clouting and steady fielding, which has kept St Joseph's ballhawks right up on top.

### Shortstop Stars

A shortstop, I.K.B.C. brave, Pete Fitch has a firm hold above the rest of the aspirants. A. V. Gosano Rec star, George Souza and A. R. Kitchell, Indian hustler, played sizzling ball down by the windy alley and

## Final Selections

The "Telegraph's" mythical All-Hongkong team of 1940-41:

Pitcher—Gerry Gosano, Reecroft; Ben Cray, C.B.C.  
Catcher—Joe Morris, I.K.B.C. Mohawks.  
1st base—Stan Leonard, St Joseph's.  
2nd base—Baby Abbas, Indiana.  
3rd base—Dave Leonard, St Joseph's.  
Shortstop—Pete Fitch, I.K.B.C. Mohawks.  
Left Field—Joey Schalberg, I.K.B.C. Mohawks.  
Centre Field—Eddie Gosano, Reecroft.  
Right Field—Savage Hassan, Indians.  
Manager—Abe Liu, C.B.C.

came in for press comment frequently with dazzling displays.

However Mohawk Pete Fitch is the ideal type of ballplayer, a winner's dream, a mirage in the desert, one who has everything.

His sizzling throws across the diamond have been a treat to watch, he covers a maximum amount of ground, is a big powerful clutch slugger at the plate and a steady influence, as well as a guiding example to his teammates. Yes, we take our hats off to Pete Fitch, as the outstanding shortstop of the year in Hongkong.

### Varied Selection

In the outfield we had a varied selection from which to choose. Speed and quick anticipation has been the keynote of successful fly-shaguers. Outfielders are required to be powerful hitters, must possess agility and above all must harbour fearless traits.

Eddie and Zinho Gosano, rough riding Rees, Joey Schalberg, Mohawk threat, Savage Hassan and A. K. Omar, Indians, Showboat All, St Joseph's and Ben Cray, Cyclone giant, all passed through with the big official recognition stamp.

An outfield of Eddie Gosano at centre, Joey Schalberg coming in at left, with Savage Hassan cruising around at right field would be any manager's delight, a dream combination, a trio that has most everything—keen anticipation, fleet-footed, shagging, instinctive covering, powerful hickory-wielding, and, above all, the drive that makes real champions.

## SPORTS ADVT.

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**  
No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Timings are obtainable at the Club-House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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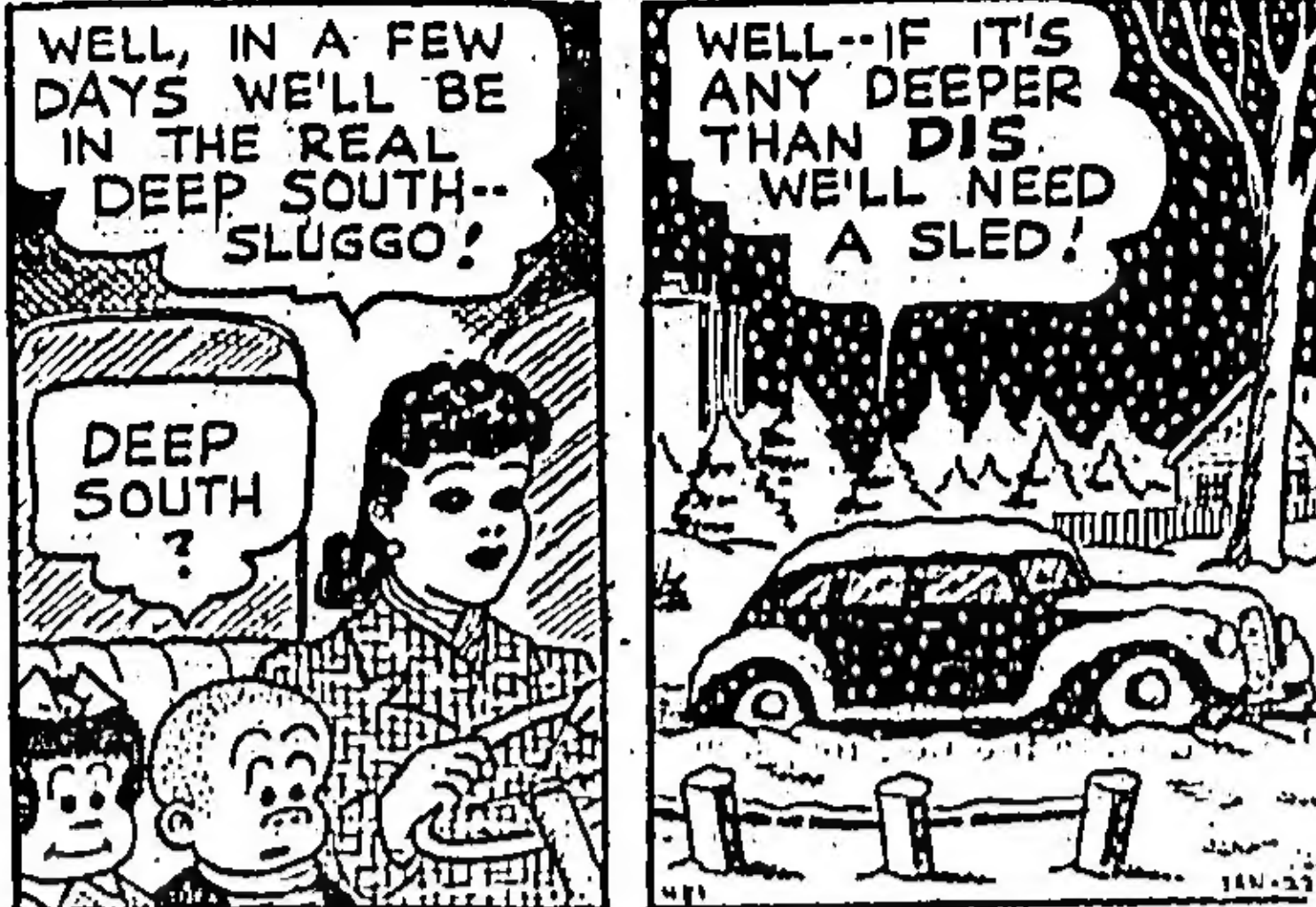
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## NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller



## Yugo-Slavia Still Stands Outside Axis Camp

BELGRADE, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slavia will not sign the Tripartite Pact even if directly asked to do so, according to well-informed quarters here.

There is no reason to believe that Germany has already made a definite demand for Yugo-Slavia's signature nor is it confirmed that German pressure on Belgrade has been intensified.

It is still considered likely that the Premier and Foreign Minister, Dr Dragisa Cvetkovich and M. Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, will visit Vienna within the next few days but the rumours that aircraft have already arrived to take them are unfounded.

Relations with the Reich are still officially described as perfectly cordial.

Postponement of the Yugo-Slav statesmen's trip can be attributed to the negotiations as to what form the declaration following such a meeting would take.

The leading Belgrade paper, "Politika," has published a Wilhelmstrasse statement saying: "It is inappropriate at present to make any suppositions on Yugo-Slav-German affairs; it is better to await the actual results."

Unconfirmed reports state that a German aircraft was brought down by Yugo-Slav anti-aircraft at Kindovo last night.

## Long Interview

BERLIN, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The German Minister to Yugo-Slavia, Herr M. von Heeren, had a long interview with the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister, M. Cincar-Markovitch to-day, says a Belgrade message to an official news agency.

## Cosme Going

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VICIY, Mar. 11 (Dunlop).—It is understood that the French Ambassador to China, M. Henri Cosme, will be appointed Ambassador to Moscow to replace M. Eric Labonne who has been recalled home.

## Murder In Society

## Erroll Death Probe

NAIROBI, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Sir Delves Broughton, Bt, 53, was to-day formally charged with the murder of Lord Erroll, 39, who was found dead towards the end of January.

No evidence was called and the case was adjourned to March 19.

When Lord Erroll's death was announced, it was reported to be due to a motor accident, but at the inquest the Senior Government Pathologist stated that two shots had been fired at Lord Erroll who dodged the first but received a fatal injury from the second.

## Immigration Office Inspected

Members of the Immigration Office Inquiry Commission this morning carried out a thorough inspection of the Immigration Department offices in Marlin House.

The entire Commission attended, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. D. Drummond, Mr. H. K. Woo and the Secretary, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett.

They were greeted by Mr. E. A. von Kohn-Nagy, the General Agent, and Mr. Walter Hamming Chen, chief of the Chinese assistants.

The Commission spent nearly an hour inspecting the offices. They stayed for 40 minutes in the shroffs' department where they examined the books.

Afterwards the Commission left to inspect the passport office in Connaught Road Central.

## Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
Demand London	1/2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	430
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	162 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	104 1/2
T.T. France	102 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	102 1/2
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/2
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25
4 m/s India	84 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/2

## 7 Raiders Downed

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Seven German aircraft were destroyed in attacks on Britain last night.

Four were shot down in the Portsmouth area which was the main Nazi target, by anti-aircraft guns. They were seen to crash or explode in mid-air by many witnesses.

It was also learnt to-night that two German bombers, about to take off from an aerodrome in Holland, were machine-gunned by a British bomber returning from an R.A.F. raid on Cologne on Monday night.

A Messerschmitt fighter which tried interception was promptly shot down.

## Ex-King Alfonso's Body Remains Buried in Rome

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mystery regarding the whereabouts of ex-King Alfonso's body which, according to some reports, was secretly entombed for Spain, was cleared up to-day when the Rector of the Spanish Monastery Church in Rome, Mons. Honorato Ribas affirmed that the remains are still in Rome in his keeping.

The Rector told the "United Press" to-day: "The burial of Alfonso and the sealing of the tomb were duly witnessed. Obviously nobody would be able to remove the body without my knowledge and I can assure you it has not been done."

He explained that he and the Spanish Ambassador to the Holy See, Senor Yanguas, are custodians of the body.

Plainclothesmen are constantly on guard at the tomb.

Spanish Monarchist quarters declared that the spreading of reports that the body had been secretly taken to Spain to avoid demonstrations could be attributed to foreign propaganda, which aims to discredit the unity of Spain.

## STOCK EXCHANGE

## Industrials Lower

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was dull in the absence of constructive factors but there was no selling pressure and the undertone was steady.

There was some profit-taking on gilt-edged securities and also on Indian bonds, while industrials tended to be lower.

Home calls and oils were irregular and Kaifas were quiet pending tomorrow's Union budget.

Egyptian bonds were unified and advanced slightly.

Wall Street was firm.

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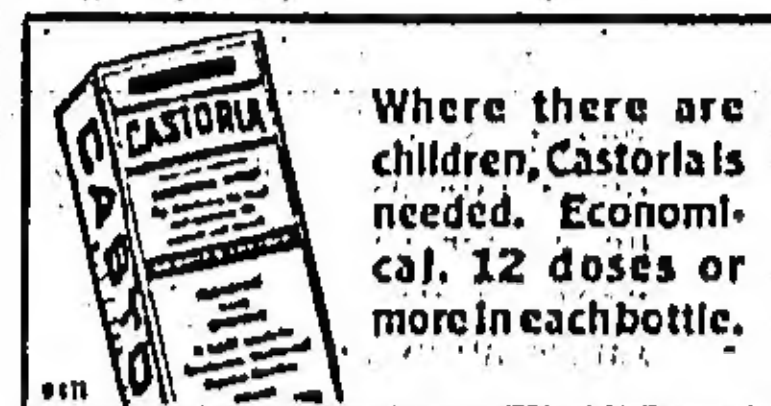
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## Britain's Air Force Goes Up Aloft

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Hurricanes and manned by American pilots.

The strength of one R.A.F. Command alone exceeds the total peace strength of the whole R.A.F. by nearly 50 per cent, while two other Commands have a strength equal to more than the peace-time R.A.F. total.

"This expansion will be enormously accelerated during the coming year."

British science stands in the forefront of aviation and medical research and despite the fact that flying training in Britain has to be carried out within the war zone, we accept no reduction in the standard of training. In some schools, training is now being carried out not only in double shifts but even in four shifts.

**Training Scheme**

"The success of the Empire Training Scheme has surpassed all expectations. In Canada, the output of pilots and crews is well ahead of schedule and there has been a great expansion in training in Australia and New Zealand."

"Men trained under the great organisation in South Africa and Rhodesia are, like others trained overseas, fighting to-day and are brilliantly successful."

"The Governments of Malaya, Trinidad and Bermuda have themselves made arrangements to give elementary flying training."

"A full scale training organisation is being formed in India for pilots for the R.A.F. and the Indian Air Force, while another training organisation established in Burma, the 'Youth Air Training Corps', launched five and a half weeks ago, has already enrolled 130,000 boys and has formed over 1,000 units."

**Civil Aviation**

"Considering the total number of boys aged between 16 and 18 is only 750,000, this is a great achievement."

"The war has necessarily restricted civil aviation but a service is running from Durban to Khartoum and Cairo and thence across India to Australia which links with the United Kingdom by flying boats via Lisbon and West Africa."

"It is hoped to resume the trans-Atlantic service in the near future."

"The R.A.F. is now on the threshold of its period of greatest expansion and during the coming 12 months we shall absorb in rapidly increasing numbers the products of American as well as British industry."

**Aid Not Late**

"Goebbels tells his German dupes that American help for Britain will arrive too late, but I tell you that these formidable aircraft, the choicest fruits of American design and craftsmanship, will get here in time," Sir Archibald continued.

The Air Minister, however, would not be optimistic about the menace of the night bomber. More severe attacks than ever may well be in store but our methods of defence and counter-attack are gradually improving and we shall exact from the night bombers, as we have already begun to exact, an increasing toll.

**Fighting Two Fights**

After pointing out that Britain has been fighting and still to some extent is fighting not one air force but two, the Air Minister said that we have destroyed half the Italian first line and have certainly destroyed much more than half of the first line with which Germany entered the war.

Sir Archibald declared that the strength of the R.A.F. is very much greater now than when the Battle of Britain began last August. The war, however, is about to enter a grimmer phase. "It will be no easy task to defeat Nazi Germany, but it can, must and will be done." (Cheers).

Meantime, our pilots so far have maintained their individual ascendancy over the enemy. Their chief difficulty to-day is to bring the German pilots to battle.

## Sino-Indian Culture

CALCUTTA, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Accepting a donation of £750 from Tai Chi-tuo, President of the Examination Yuan of the Chinese Republic, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore's Visvabharathi University has apportioned part of this sum to extending the Sino-Indian Cultural Society.

## Matsuoka To Talk Military Matters

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and Ashi are undergoing in connection with the tripartite pact which other nations may soon join in.

"Mr. Matsuoka is a man of the tripartite pact, and as such, is one of the men who participates in the constructive work on which the pact is based."

**Expected in Rome**

ROME, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka is expected to arrive in Rome early in April, according to the official Italian news agency. He will have conversations with Mussolini and Hitler during which questions relating to collaboration between the Axis Powers will be examined.

**No Secret Mission**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (UP).—Mr. Matsuoka said he had wished to make the trip he was now undertaking ever since the tripartite pact was concluded.

"As Japan's Foreign Minister I am going on an important mission," he said. "However, there is no specially hidden mission. For the sake of tripartite alliances of the future I intend to conduct the fullest discussion."

"I have never met Herr Hitler, Marshal Goering or Herr Ribbentrop and I have wanted to meet them to talk to heart talks with them."

"I also intend to see the most important persons in Germany and Italy to preach my long-cherished peace opinions, based on the principle of 'hainko ichi' which means 'eight corners under one roof' or 'universal brotherhood'."

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued yesterday says: Sellers becoming more accommodation led to a good turnover in Unions from \$422/425 and a few H.K. Banks at \$1,340. The enquiries noted yesterday continued during the day, and are inclined to spread more over the list.

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## Breach Of Defence Regulations

The managers of two Chinese firms were fined \$500 by Mr H. G. Sheldon, J.C., at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning when they were summoned for committing a breach of the Defence Regulations by sending letters out of the Colony by means other than through the post.

The accountant of another Chinese firm, similarly summoned, was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 or go to prison for two months.

Mr D. Fitches, Superintendent of Malis, prosecuted.

## Italian Transport Sunk

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—A heavily laden Italian troop transport has been torpedoed and sunk by a British submarine.

This information was issued in an Admiralty communique which adds that in reporting this success, the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet states that the transport was of the Sicilia Class of 9,046 tons.

## New Constitution For Jamaica

LONDON, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—An important statement regarding a new constitution for Jamaica may shortly be made in the House of Commons, "Reuter" understands.

It is understood that the island will have a constitution based upon elections by popular vote.

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